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# PM: Our answer to terror – build and settle

# We carried out attack

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IDF troops continue to enforce a elosure on the Ramallah area and have largely left to Palestinian police the hunt for the terrorists responsible for Wednesday's attack.

Security sources said the killers are believed to have taken shelter in the autonomous enclave.

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The Popolar Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which opposes the peace process, took respossibility for the drive-by shooting near Beit El. Speaking from Damascus, the PFLP's Ahu Ahmed Fuad said his group launched the attack because of Israel's settlement policies.

The PFLP "will continue our struggle as long as the occupation and settlements continue," he said, on the 29th anniversary of the group's founding.

In another development, Samir Abu Shaqfa, a Palestinian worker, was shot to death at Moshav Kochav Michael before dawn yesterday, a police spokeswoman said. Uri Maor, 56, a resident of the moshav, in the South, was remanded for causing his death.

Maor initially told police be believed Shaqfa was a burglar, but later contended he suspected the Palestinian was a terrorist about to

carry out an attack. (Story, Page 3) Israel Police, meanwhite, said forensic tests indicate the two rifles used in the attack were also used in five similar drive-by shootings, according to Israel Radio. The findings led police to believe that the terrorists were from the Halhoul cell, responsible for two deadly attacks last summer.; Military sources said they lost the trail of the Hebron-based cell responsible for the murder of at least seven Israelis, and speculated it may have moved operations to the Ramallah area.

Israeli security officials provided their Palestinian counterparts with names of suspected PFLP militants in the Ramallah and Bethlehem areas, who were

promptly arrested.
In Ramallah, Palestinian police have arrested 17 suspects, all PFLP members, and Channel 2 said it is helieved at least one of them matches the description given to police by Yoel Tzur, whose wife and son were killed in the attack.

Security coordination was headed by Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan and General Security Service head Ami Ayalon, alongside Palestinian Authority Gen. Haj Ismail.

On the personal authorization of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, Dayan was permitted to visit the Ramallah eity dump, where specialists examined the vehicle from which the terrorists shot the Tzur

However, IDF troops did not hunt down the terrorists in the city, as implied by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu immediately after the attack.

A curfew has been imposed on the village of Sidra, where the (Continued on Page 18)

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Yoel Tzur comforts one of his sons, as they walk past the bodies of his wife, Etta, and son, Ephraim,

# 'My head's fine but my heart aches'

"MY head doesn't hurt, hut my heart does," Tamar Tzur said yesterday from her hospital bed, while a funeral procession left Jerusalem for Beit El with the bodies of ber mother, Etta, and her brother, Ephraim. A wisp of a 13-year-old with braces on her teeth, Tamar was swathed in a large bandage, after doctors at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem removed ricochets from her head and neck. But it was her two younger sisters, Shoshana, 8, lying in the next bed after a six-hour operation on ber right

They don't know yet that mother is dead. They are too young to absorb that at this stage, so we haven't told them. It will be so hard for them to come home from school every day and not to find her there," she said, dry-eyed. "Avital is only in first grade."

hand, and six-year-old Avital, at home, who worried

Tamar said her father had given her hope. "My dad is so full of faith and be told me to be strong and to believe in God. Dad said we must look on the bright side of things. We didn't suffer so much," she said. Those who died, didn't feel anything and we were only lightly wounded and don't have much [physical]

She said only five of the family's eight children had been in the car. The four girls were all described as lightly injured and two were released from the hospital yesterday.

The moments of horror of the evening before remain elear in her mind. She spoke quietly, as if out

of respect for the dead, and with detachment. Our car had stopped at the intersection for the vehicles traveling in the opposite direction to pass. Suddenly there were shots. I knew immediately what now go to heaven."

The car seemed to be filled with blood in a moment. I was sitting next to Ephraim. In the beginning, be was still breathing heavily, then he was dead. Dad said that he died instantly and that those were simply death throes, so I guess he didn't suffer.

"Dad - he was unhurt, just a few ricocbets in his back - jumped out to run to call for help. It was so scary. Mom was still conscious and she muttered a few times, 'Quick, get help.' After a while, a car with some members of our settlement arrived and started helping us. They took us to an army elinic nearby...Even in the ambulance on the way to the hospital, mom was alive and spoke with the doctor.

"But my hig sister, Shlomit - she's 16, but she was totally bysterical. She started shouting: 'Look at Enhraim: be's dead.' His eyes had rolled back. She made a mistake. She should have realized that would frighten the little girls."

Tamar admitted that she had worried in the past that something could happen to them. "It happened to other families, so why not to us? Yes," she said, "we will stay on in Beit El. Jews have to be everywhere in Eretz Yisrael."

She is not angry, nor is she looking for retribution,

"The Arabs have a right to use the road like we do. We have Arab friends. One was here today and he was terribly upset... There's no point in killing or even looking for [the perpetrators]. They cannot bring back my mom.

She looked at the time. Then, comforting herself, added with a rare sigh: "I helieve that my mom will

# 'Post' on Internet with new technology

THE Jerusalem Post is the first newspaper in the world to be presented on the Internet via BackWeb, an Israeli-developed, pioneering technology allowing Web sites that interest each user to float onto the computer screen as graphic symbols and be clicked on immediately.

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Since yesterday, anyone reaching the Post's Internet Edition (http://www.jpost.co.il) has the option of clicking on the BackWeb

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option. This allows him to register as a user at no cost, download 1.5 megabytes of software and select a customized menu of BackWeb

Whenever he is connected to the Net, icons representing these channels will appear from time to time on his screen and offer their wares. They disappear in a few seconds if not elicked.

This is called a "polite agent delivery technology," very differ-ent from the aggressive approach of a company like PointCast, which forces the Internet user to stop what he is doing to receive news and bombards his screen with this information, whether he wants it or

BackWeb, a start-up company that made its first splash at this week's Internet World exhibition in

New York, offers dozens of channels, from financial and technology news to ski reports, astrology forecasts, children's games and weather updates. The Wall Street Journal will be the second newspaper to appear via BackWeb early in

The Jerusalem Post's Internet edition offers the main news headlines of the day (which flow out of the icon even without clicking it). news stories, a selection of opinion articles, editorials and business and sports reports. In addition, subscribers can select which sections of the newspaper they want to receive automatically. The Post has plans to increase and personalize its channel offerings.

"It was only natural that we would seek out new, innovative technologies to best serve our readership and forge new markets."

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PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, standing in the Beit El cemetery over the fresh graves of birds and sobs. Etta and Ephraim Tzur, pledged

yesterday that the government will increase its efforts and resources to ensure the existence of the Jewish people in its historic "Beit El is important to us," Netanyaho said. "The roots of the

people of Israel are in the land of Beit El, Shilo, Betar and Hebron. And not only will these roots not be torn out, they will be made Thousands of people swarmed

to the small cemetery just outside Beit El to the funeral of Etta and Ephraim, who died in a drive-by terror shooting Wednesday night. The three-hour funeral procession began in the plaza of Beit El Yeshiva, which Yoel Tzur, the husband and father of the victims, was instrumental in hoilding. After the recitation of several psalms and a number of eulogies, the huge crowd walked about 30

minutes to the cemetery.

Tzur was released from the hospital yesterday, as were two of his children who had been passengers in the car. Two other children remained hospitalized last night m

good condition. Despite the number of people in attendance, the only sounds heard

Among those who attended the funeral along with Netanyahu, were Foreign Minister David Levy, National lofrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, Chief Rabhi Yisrael Lau and former

Beit El shooting

victims laid to rest

ehief rabbi Mordechai Eliahu. Both Hammer and Sharon called for the development of settlemeots as a response to the attack.

"I have no words of comfort for you, Yoel," Sharon said. "I have no words of consolation. How ean one console the death of a mother and son? There is oo solace. Comfort is not what is needed oow, but a true Zionist act, that is what the nation expects."

Netanyahu said the first answer of the government and the people of Israel to the attack is to make it clear that "we are staying here. We will build bere, we will live here. You will never succeed in oprooting us from our land. You will not achieve your goals."
Netanyahu pledged to increase

efforts to ensure security for all Israelis. He said the government sees no difference between its responsibility to provide security for settlers and for those living in Beit Kama or Herzliya.

"We will cootinue to try and as the procession started to make its way from the yeshiva to the Netanyaho said. "And this peace cemetery were footsteps, chirping will be obtained only if it obligates the other side. That means the other side is committed to uphold

all its obligations."

Netanyahu said the government will in a elear, unequivocal manner demand the extradition of

murderers. There are oo plans for the cabinet today to announce the expan-

sioo of existing settlements, offi-eials in the Prime Minister's Office said. Channel One reported last night that security officials told

Netanyahu yesterday that to engage in such expansion would only exacerbate the situation in the territories.

Officials in the premier's office note that the cabinet is likely to approve a scheduled motion to accept the report prepared by Netanyahu's director-general Avigdor Lieberman a few weeks ago. The report called for reinstating special benefits for settlers on a par with those living in development towns, Galilee, the Golan and the Jordan Valley. Those sub-sidies were nullified by the Labor government shortly after it came into office in 1992.

Netanyahu convened the ihner cahinet yesterday to discuss the attack, but no operational decisioos were taken, officials say.

Tzur called on the government to immediately begin building 1,000 units on Har Artis in Beit El as a response to the attack.

# Yesha council threatens to boost settlements if gov't won't

IF the government does not decide at its cabinet meeting this Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza will begin doing so itself, council ehairman Pinhas

Wallerstein said yesterday. We will provide a Zionist response," Wallerstein said. "A Zionist response is the expansion of the settlemeots. A Zionist response is new settlements. A Zionist response is that the Arabs will understand that if they kill us,

HERB KEINON

Wallerstein's comments came as the council held an emergency meeting in Psagot in reaccion to Wednesday night's terror attack near the Beit El settlement.

"If the government does not decide by Friday to expand the settlements in Judea and Samaria, the council will do it alone, even during the shiva period,' Wallerstein said. "Every time Jewish blood is spilled, 1,000 new we will grow and expand in the Jewish families will come here."

A similar appeal came from Yoel Tzur, whose wife and son were the graveside in Beit El, Tzur called on the government to immediately begin constructing some 1,000 housing units in Har

Artis, just outside Beit El. Among the ideas suggested by the eouncil is the placement of mobile homes in the settlemeots and attempts to gain a foothold on hills surrounding the settlements, as was done unsuecessfully at ournerous locations in the summer

# Generali: We won't pay Holocaust victim's family

DAVID HARRIS

THE Israeli legal representative of one of Europe's largest insurers, Assicurazioni Generali, said yesterday the company has oo intention of paying a life insurance policy to the family of a Holocaust

Before World War II, Jews from the city of Uzshghorod, now in Ukraine and theo in occupied Czechoslovakia, took out life insurance policies with Italianbased Generali's Prague office.

lo 1944, most of Uzshghorod's 20,000 Jews were deported to Auschwitz, including Mor Stern, who had taken out a policy for Kr 30,000 io 1929.

Stern's son Rudolph made a claim on the policy to Generali via the Czech embassy in London, in the fall of 1945.

However, as was the practice, Stern was told he would have to provide a death certificate.

In October 1945, the company's Czech assets and liabilities were nationalized under a presidential decree, and according to a letter sent this week to the Stern family from Generali vice director Guido Pastori, "became a separate inde-

pendent business." About 50 perceot of company's overall assets were expropriated throughout Eastern Europe, in the years following the war, Generali's legal representative in Israel Amihud Ben-Porat said yesterday.

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BATSHEVA TSUR

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman yesterday denounced the "cruelty" of the perpetrators of Wednesday's terrorist attack, but said Israel and the Palestinians had no alternative but to try to live together.

"This may sound Utopian, impossible, but it is the impossible that the State of Israel has usually managed to achieve." Weizman said.

He was speaking during a visit to Tamar and Shoshana Tzur, aged 13 and 8, who are hospitalized in the children's wing of Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital. Ein Kerem Tamar is suffering from ricochet wounds in her neck and Shoshana has ricochet wounds in her left hand and legs.

"Despite what happened, we will continue to find the way to live together with our neighbors, with all the difficulty, and the cruelty on the other side," Weizman said. But he warned: "They have to

understand that if this continues. there will be conclusions that are not easy. I am speaking for myself and not the government. "I am convinced that some of

them understand the situation. It is a small body that perpetrated this. We have to push forward and try to achieve coexistence."

Konrad Adanauer Fnundatinn



President Ezer Weizman reflects on the hanukkiot lit yesterday at the Beit El home of Yoel Tzur, whose wife and son were killed in Wednesday's drive-by shooting.

# PA routinely flouts extradition requests for terrorists

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THE extradition of terrorists is a EVELYN GÖRDON

section of the Oslo Accords the Palestinian Authority consistently has refused to honor. According to the Government Press Office, Israel has so far requested the transfer of 27 suspected terrorists - 17 formally and 10 informally. To date, not a single request has been honored.

According to the GPO, six of the 27 are definitely serving in the PA security forces, three others appear to be members of these forces, and another three are now trying to join

However, the PA has complied with some requests for the transfer of ordinary criminals. According to both the 1994

Cairo Agreement and the 1995 Interim Agreement, either side must comply with a formal request for the transfer of a suspect. An informal request is not binding. but Israel considers compliance with such requests to be part of the general framework of security

The one exception to the mandatory compliance with a

serving a jail term in the PA at the time. In such a case, the PA is required to extradite only after the suspect completes his sentence. The PA has occasionally made use of this clause to forestall Israeli extradition requests, as in the case of the murderers of Ohad Bachrach and Uri Shahor in July 1995. The PA gave the two suspects an overnight trial and sentenced them to seven years in prison, with the apparent goal of preventing an Israeli extradition request.

According to the independent monitoring group Peace Watch, this is not an effective alternative, as almost half the terrorists sentenced to long prison terms were released within a few months. Some were employed by the PA security services.

The Netanyahu government made this a major issue during its campaign, and 10 of the 27 requests were filed by the new formal request is if the suspect is government this summer. The

other 17 were filed by the Labor

simply been ignored.

request to extradite Rajah and Amru Ahu-Sita, wanted for the murder of Uri Megidish of Moshav Gan-Or in Gaza in March 1993. The PA said that because the murder occurred before the Oslo Accords were signed, it was not covered by the agreement. Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's legal advisor Ahaz Ben-Ari, and the Foreign Ministry's legal department all said there was no basis for this interpretation in the agreement, which makes no reference to any time limitation. However, Rabin chose to publicly treat this interpretation as legiti-

not meet the technical specifications of the agreement. Ben-Yair denied this, but resubmitted the request anyway. The new request was never answered.

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government, mostly in 1995. Six requests were submitted in 1994. Only two requests have been formally refused. The rest bave

The first formal refusal, in December 1994, was Israel's

The second refusal was in the case of Iyad Bashti and Yusuf Malhi, wanted for the murder of Gil Revah and Shlomo Kapah in Ramle in August 1994. In this case, the PA said the request did

Palestinian Police or in the process

of joining, Israel said.

Atef a-Wahab Hamadan – wanted for kidnapping and wounding an Israeli soldier.

· Bassam Subhi Shaaban Issa took part in the murder of three

 Said Massoud Salah Arabid – involved in attack that killed Lt.-Col. Meir Mintz in Gaza in 1993.

involved in an accident in which an Israeli guard was shot dead in Petah Nafez Mahmoud Sabih -- coordi-

and Ashkelon. Imad Mahmoud Issa Abbas —

involved in shooting attack in 1987. Muhammed Arafat Ibrahim Khawaja - involved in attack that killed two soldiers dead at Erez

Hisham Ashour a-Malic Salam --

# Right of hot pursuit not used

STEVE RODAN

ISRAEL has the legal right to pursue terrorists inside areas under the control of the Palestinian Authority, but the IDF has never exercised this right as to avoid a clash with Palestinian forces, security and legal sources said yesterday.

So far, the security sources said, the IDF has not had a case in which it tracked terrorists fleeing from Israeli to PA-controlled

"Israel has the right to hot pursuit," said Dan Polisar, executive director of Peace Watch. "Legally, there is no doubt of that right. So, the considerations that stop Israel must be either military or politi-

The Israeli-Palestinian accord signed in 1994 did not specify Israel's right of hot pursuit. However, Israeli negotiators added this to the Oslo II accords signed in 1995.

That accord defines hot pursuit as "engagement," which is defined as "an immediate response to an act or an incident constituting a danger to life or property that is aimed at preventing or terminating such an act or incident, or at apprehending its perpetrators."

The accord allows Israel to carry out this engagement in PA areas,

but says Israel must transfer responsibility to the PA police as

soon as possible. In Wednesday night's attack, the IDF was unable to immediately trace the attackers. The terrorist squad had fled and was believed to have entered the Ramallah area before Israeli soldiers arrived at the scene of the shooting.

IDF commanders said that despite the legal right of hot pursuit they have sought PA approval for entry into areas under Palestinian control. They point to the Palestinian-Israeli clashes in September when an IDF force sent to rescue soldiers under siege in Joseph's Tomb in Nablus was met by a hail of gunfire from Palestinian police and other gummen.

The result, IDF sources said, is that unless Israeli authorities capture terrorisis in the act they escape to PA-controlled areas of asylum. PA officials have so far rejected every Israeli request for extradition of suspected terrorists, and yesterday they said their poli-

cy will apply to the latest attack.
Instead, the PA has arrested and prosecuted suspected terrorists in secret trials. In several cases, IDF sources said, the convicted men were quietly freed after serving as few as several months in prison.

Bassam Khalil Abdel Rahman

· Yasser Muhammad Musa Aram

also involved in Fixler killing.

• Ala Ahmed Abd al-Munim Salah

- involved in 1993 murder of Yossi

Rajah Khalil Ali Abu-Sita

involved in 1993 murder of Uri

Amru Abdallah Abu-Sita – also

involved in Megidish slaying.

- Salah Mustafa Othman – hijacked

Jerusalem bus in 1993, killed one

Raid Abu Libda – murdered

 Iyad Hamdi Abu-Shakafa – for attempted murder of Shaul David in

lyad Bashti – involved in 1994

Yusuf Malhi - involved in 1994

murder of Gil Revah and Shlomo

Natalia Ivanov in Ashdod in 1994.

Israeli and wounded others.

Aram - involved in 1993 murder of

Zvi Fixler at Moshav Gan-Or.

Zindani in Beni-Ayish.

Megidish of Gan Or.

Ramle in 1994.

Kapah in Ramle.

# Unextradited suspects

THE following is a list of suspects Israel has requested to extradite from PA areas. The PA has not responded to any of these requests, except for two that were rejected. Ten of the suspects are already in the

Israeli soldiers in 1993.

Waleed Pawzi Abu Daka –

nated suicide bombing in Jerusalem

participated in murder of two Israelis near Karni in 1992....

Adnan Yibye Mahmoud Jaber al-Gohl – concealed a car used in a sui-cide bombing at Kfar Darom;

Dizengoff Center suicide bomber.

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Ramle killings.

- Yusuf Muhammad Adrued Ragbi

- involved in killing of two hikers,
Ohad Bachrach and Uri Shahor, in Wadi Kelt last year.
• Shaher Ali Ahmed Ragbi involved in Wadi Kelt killings. Khader Saba Yakub Abu Abra -

gave orders for Wadi Kelt murders. Muhi a-Din a-Sharif - transported explosives for 1995 suicide · Abd al-Majid Dudin - trained

suicide bombers, including 1995 Jerusalem anack that killed four. · Awad Silmi - involved in LL-

Col. Mintz killing and suicide-bomb Nidal Ahmed Mustafa Barakat –

for killing suspected collaborator, Labib Latif Shadeed.

· Ibrahim Lateef Shaheed involved in Shadeed's murder in

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queen of diamonds, and the 9 of In the weekly Payis Hazak drawing, the holder of ticket number 215828 won NIS 1 million, while ticket 560310 was good for a new

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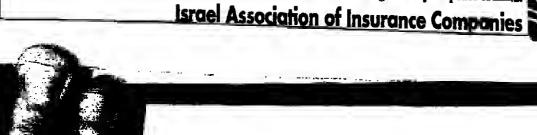
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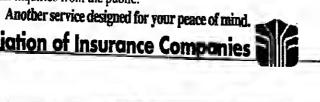
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of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. PFLP: Rejectionist group with a past

THE Popular Front for the Liberation of West Bank that claimed the lives of five people Palestine, based in Damascus, has claimed responsibility for Wednesday's attack that killed Etta and Ephraim Tzur near Beit El.

It is a group that:
- rejected Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's peace accord with Israel and supports armed struggle to achieve a secular state in all of the land now occupied by Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

. maintains a West Bank military arm, the Red Eagles, which has carried out drive-by shootings and other attacks in Israel and the

in June and July.

• carried out infamous attacks in the 1960s

and 1970s, including hijackings of three airliners that were brought to Jordan in September 1970 and blown up after the passengers were released. The incident triggered a civil war in which Palestinians were expelled from Jordan.

Wednesday's attack occurred on the anniversary of the group's 1977 founding by George Habash, a physician hy training, who was a refugee from the 1948 war and founder of a

pan-Arah nationalist movement. Habash's health has been poor in recent years and he reportedly has sought treatment in Jordan.

The PFLP spawned several other Marxistoriented splinter factions. These included Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine headed by Nayef Hawatmeh, and the General Command faction headed by Ahmed Jibril, both based in Damascus.

The PFLP was the second-largest Palestinian group, after Arafar's Fatah faction, until the rise of Islamic opposition groups such as

# Grapes of Wrath monitors blame IDF for wounding Lebanese civilians

THE Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee yesterday held the IDF responsible for the wounding of six Lebanese civilians by tank fire, but refrained from condemning Israel for the incident.

A diplomatically worded state-ment was issued by the five nation committee yesterday, after four The representatives sat throughdays of discussions over out, Wednesday at UNIFIL headLebanon's complaint about quarters in Nakoura. The meeting shelling in the south of the country

last Saturday.

The fighting erupted after
Hizhullah gunmen detonated a series of roadside bombs alongside an IDF patrol in the Beaufort Castle region of the security zone, killing one soldier and wounding another

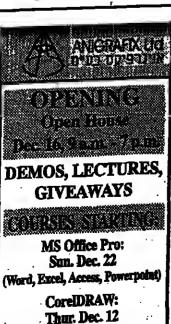
The IDF maintained that Hizbullah also fired Sagger antitank missiles at the patrol and that the tank fire that followed was in seif-defense.

Lebanon, however, charged there was no Sagger missile firing at the time and that the tank shell that hit Tibnit village, north of the zonc, lightly wounding the six civilians, was unjustified.

The Lebanese delegation to the monitoring committee said the tank fire was a clear violation of the understandings reached at the end of Operation Grapes of Wrath in April

The understandings prohibit attacks on eivilians, but not those carried out against military tar-gets, provided the attacks themselves are not launched from residential areas or near to public facilities.

The monitoring committee composed of representatives from the US, France, Israel, Syria and Lebanon, was established to supervise the understandings and investigate alleged violations.



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Tues. Dec. 24

The committee began its discussions into Lebanon's complaint Sunday. Verification visits were also made to the scene of the roadside bomb attack in the zone and of the tank fire in Tibnit village.

ended around 5:30 a.m. and a statement was issued expressing regrets over the wounding of the Lebanese civilians and damage to

It reiterated that all the sides

were committed to upholding the understandings and that they should take all necessary precautions in the vicinity of residential

The army spokesman, in a statement issued after the meeting, said the committee did not accept Lebanon's claim that IDF artillery shelled Tibnit villas

The statement said the committee found that during IDF shooting - in response to the roadside bomb attack and anti-tank fire at the army patrol - a single tank round

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hit Tibnit village, as a result of which six Lebanese civilians were lightly wounded.
The committee expressed its

hope that all sides would take the necessary measures to prevent similar incidents in the future.

The findings are unlikely to appease Hizbullah, which has criticized the monitoring committee in the past as toothless and ineffectual and for failing to protect Lebanese civilians.

# Israeli farmer kills Palestinian worker

SAMIR Abu Shaqfa, a Palestinian worker, was shot to death before dawn yesterday, a police spokes-woman said. Uri Maor, 56, of Moshav Kochav Miehael, was remanded for five days by the Kiryat Gat Magistrates Court for causing his death.

Maor initially told police he believed Shaqfa was a burglar, but later contended he suspected the Palestinian was a terrorist about to carry out an attack.

"He said he heard strange voices coming from outside. He said he thought somebody was trying to break in. So he took his gun and went outside and fired at them. They tried to flee, but one of them fell," a police spokeswoman said.

Members of Shaqfa's family at Gaza's Jabalya refugee camp believed the 40-year-old man was killed to avenge the fatal shooting of Beit El Bet resident Etta Tzur and her 12-year-old son Ephraim near Beit El by Arab terrorists the

"This was in revenge for the Ramallah attack," his cousin Nabil Abu Shaqfa said.

Police sources said Maor prohahly will be charged with causing death through negligence for shooting before thoroughly checking the simution. Palestinians immediately set up

a wake for Shaqfa and proclaimed him a "martyr killed by settler herds." They said Shaqfa had been working at the same job for more than 15 years and everyone in the area knew him. They also said that three other Palestinian workers were wounded in the shooting. Police said they could not confirm that others were wounded.

Brig.-Gen. Ziyad Atrash, a senior Palestinian Police officer in Gaza, said that his information discounted the possibility that the man was killed on suspicion of

"I don't want to preempt events,

match the claim that the workers

were on a robbery," Atrash said.

Atrash, head of the Palestinian side of the joint liaison committee with the IDF in Gaza, said he had asked Israel to set up a joint team to investigate the case.

Shaqfa was one of several Palestinians laborers the suspect's neighbor had just picked up from the Erez junction. The neighbor had dropped the three off near the Maor's home and they were walk-ing towards the fields. As they passed Maor's home, his dogs began to chase them and the bark-

ing woke him.
I heard voices in Arabic. I thought they were terrorists about to carry out an attack. I shouted at them to stop and they ran so I shot," Maor told police.

He then called police and Magen David Adom. An MDA crew came to the scene and declared Shaqfa

# Peres: PA must catch Beit El gunmen

LABOR leader Shimon Peres said yesterday the Palestinian Authority must make every effort to trace and apprehend the murderers in the

Beit El terrorist attack. Peres told Labor's executive meeting the attack "is not only the government's problem, it's the problem of all of us, of the whole nation and the state. Nobody wants to see the renewal of terrorism or the intifada. We must demand that the Palestinian MICHAL YUDELMAN

Authority denounces the attack unequivocally and does everything it can to find and catch the terrorists, and either to try them or to turn them over to us.

Peres noted that even when Israel was in control of the territories, it did not always succeed in catching all the terrorists. Still, he said, "we will judge the PA on the basis of its efforts."

He warned against giving in to those who want to crush the peace process by means of terrorism, and he reminded the public of the alternatives to the peace process, which are much worse, be said.

Peres said that a month before the elections the PA was quite effective in reining in Hamas and foiling terrorist attempts, adding that "when Israel was still in Gaza things were much worse, and many people were killed."

### NEWS IN BRIEF

Court rejects Federman's appeal

The High Court of Justice rejected former Kach spokesman Noam Federman's petition against his administrative detention yesterday. The court had initially issued a show-cause order on the case, indicating that it found merit in the petition, but yesterday decided the evidence against Federman was enough to justify the detention. Federman charges that most of the evidence consists of press clippings of interviews he has given.

Muasher: Don't take peace treaty for granted

Jordanian information minister Marwan Muasher expressed concern yesterday over the chilling of ties with Israel and the ongoing stalemate in the peace process. Muasher made his comments while meeting with Labor MK Ehud Barak. Muasher said Jordan feared that settlements would be expanded, and this could impact the peace process. Barak, however, expressed confidence in the special relationship between the two countries and the belief that ties would grow. Muasher invited Barak to visit Jordan. In a meeting with Labor MK Ephraim Such, Muasher said: "It is forbidden to take the peace treaty with

Gold thanks Egypt for help in negotiations

The government is grateful for Egypt's help in the Hebron negotiations, Dore Gold, Prime Minister,
Binyamin Netanyahu's political adviser, said yesterday during a visit to Cairo. We appreciate the help
Egypt has given to bring about an agreement between the Israelis and Palestinians regarding Hebron, he
said after meeting with Nabil Fahmi, Foreign Minister Ann Moussa's political adviser. It is unclear if Gold
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# Get serious

TOLLOWING the terrible suicide bombminister Shimon Peres said the peace process "hangs in the balance." It depended, he noted, on whether or not Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat cracked down on Hamas. In March, Arafat did in fact take action, arresting hundreds of Hamas activists and stamping out agitation to violence in the mosques.

Since then, it seems, Arafat has been resting on his laurels. As early as the Cairo Agreement of May 1994, Arafat committed to confiscate illegal weapons and disband rogue militias. In August 1994, Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed-Rabbo said, "We bave set a timetable for the disarming citizens with illegal weapons in the autonomous areas ... the only armed Palestinians will be police."

There have been isolated cases of weapon confiscations and discoveries of arms caches for the cameras, but no concerted effort has been made to disarm and disband armed Palestinian militias. One of these militias, George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, bas taken credit for Tuesday's drive-by murder of Etta and Ephraim Tzur on a road near Beit El.

In the case of the PFLP, Arafat cannot claim, as he does with Hamas, that he is limited from taking drastic action because a substantial minority of Palestinians support the group. The PFLP is a tiny Marxist splinter group based in Damascus, with practically no support in the area under PA control. There is no possible excuse for allowing it to continue in operation.

In September, Arafat inflamed and endorsed violent riots following the opening of a new exit in the Western Wall Tunnel. Since then, he has been riding a wave of Palestinian and international support, which has further weakened the Hamas. Yet Arafat has not taken advantage of his new strength and popularity to deal a decisive blow to armed rejectionist militias such as Islamic Jihad, the PFLP, DFLP, Hamas's military wing, and the renegade elements of the

Fatah Hawks. Arafat and many Palestinians seem to believe that Israel will only make concessions under the threat of violence. Threats of violence, in this view, are not only consistent with the peace process, but its driving force. Such threats are prepared to resort to the stick in place of the carcurrently being made to persuade the government to reverse a provisional decision to build a Jewish neighborhood in the Ras al-Amud sec-

tion of Jerusalem. Israel's response, rightly, is to say that violent

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**BORDER POLICE VIOLENCE** 

position.

threats are a violation of the Oslo Accords and a ings in February and March, former prime negation of the accords' whole concept. Moreover, Israel tells the Palestinians that they will gain more by staying within the peace process and building the trust of the people of Israel, than by backing Israelis in a corner.

It is clear, however, that Arafat only acts on his own commitment to crack down on Palestinian terrorism when it is too late - after a massive terrorist attack. Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) admitted as much to the New Yorker, stating "until March [after the suicide bombings] we weren't seri-

During the election campaign, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said he would not let the Palestinians get away with terrorism against Israel. He would fight terrorism differently, be said, and would not subordinate the fight against terror to the peace process.

In practice, the distinction between the new and previous government's approach is not an obvious one. In the wake of this latest attack, Finance Minister Dan Meridor said: "We will not be able to continue the peace talks if they are accompanied by such incidents." But he did not actually call for halting negotiations.

Netanyahu, meanwhile, has demanded that the perpetrators of this attack, who escaped into Ramallah, be apprehended and "extradited" to Israel to face trial here - a call which if past experience is anything to go by, will remain totally unheeded by the PA.

The Palestinians can claim that under Oslo, the PA does not have to transfer Palestinians who have been legitimately tried in their judicial system. But many of those wanted by Israel bave not been tried at all, or have received cursory sentences and released.

Of 27 requests Israel has made to transfer suspects to Israel for trial, the PA has rejected two and ignored the rest. And to make matters worse, 10 of these suspects are either serving in the Palestinian police or are in the process of joining its ranks.

A mother and her child have been gunned down and Arafat has not even had the decency to condemn such barbaric behavior. The prime minister bas no choice but to make abundantly clear to the PA that just as Peres was eventually rot, so too is Israel's new government. Now is the time for Arafat to use his political strength to "get serious" again against groups that, even according to Palestinians, threaten Palestinian

# BLUNDER

Sir, - In an otherwise wellthe Israel Defence Forces written article entitled "On the ignored these immediate Beat" (J.P., December 6) Bill effects, as well as the possible long-term moral, psychological and organizational effects that Hntman made some errors in relating what I reported to him. I are not apparent immediately would like to set the record after the event. The quotes in straight on two of them. the article from psycbologist

1. I did not go "to the media" with any "findings" from any military report. I pointed out that both Prof. Dan Bar-On and I (and not I alone) gave an interview in 1988 to Ha'aretz in which we gave our personal impressions of the condition of soldiers serving in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, without presenting any data or "findings" from a military report. The statements that Hutman mentions in the article concerning our work are also based on those impressions and are not based on data from the report.

2. With regard to those impressions, the article states our position as saying that there were "detrimental effects" of "strain" on soldiers in the intifada. However, our impressions agreed with publiclyreleased data from other studies that the detrimental effects were apparent in only small numbers of soldiers. The problem that I pointed out was that

#### RAIL LINK RECOMMENDED

Sir, - It seems to me that providing the Palestinians with a rail link rather than an open highway between Gaza and the West Bank will have numerous advantages among which are:

1. Saving lives - traffic accidents on Israeli highways are already a national disaster. Statistically, putting thousands of Palestinian trucks on an open highway will result in more accidents and unfortunately more traffic deaths.

2. Economics - a rail link, utilizing where possible existing infrastructure, would be less expensive than building a new four- or six-lane highway.

3. Israel sovereignty - giving the Palestinians a passageway will result in the loss of Israeli sovereignty over that portion of the land. A rail link would maintain Israeli control.

STANLEY J. BROCHSTEIN

THE WAYS OF JUSTICE

Alain Weinstein of the Border

Police also appear to reflect a

misunderstanding of our basic

The tragedy of the service of

IDF soldiers and the Border

Police in the intifada is that vio-

lence toward civilians, in spite of

all denials, became a norm in the

following ways: violence is widespread (hundreds of com-

plaints from Palestinians are

being bandled by the Justice

Ministry); soldiers are not dis-

couraged from performing acts

of gratuitous violence; they are

punished lightly if at all when caught; and, with few excep-

tions, soldiers appear to suffer

little or no remorse over commit-

ting violent acts unless the video

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camera catches them.

Jerusalem.

Sir, - Drazen Erdemovic, a soldier in the Bosnian army, was recently found guilty of crimes against humanity, at the International War Crimes tribunal in The Hague. He admitted killing "up to 100" Moslems during the Bosnian war. His sentence: 10 years. With good behavior, he could be released before then.

Jonathan Pollard, a naval intelligence analyst, pleaded guilty in 1985 to passing classified information to Israel. His sentence: life, with a recommendation that be never be paroled. He has already served over 11 years of this sentence, with no end in sight.

I can only assume, therefore, that mass murder isn't as serious a crime as giving Israel information needed to defend itself. Israel was legally entitled to this information, but it was withheld by individuals in the American administration.

ANDREW BROOKE Downsview, Ontario.

Sir, - Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, made a serious blunder in choosing New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman as the main speaker for their recent Los Angeles function. That bhinder was in no way diminished by the self-serving opinion article Foxman rushed to have published in The Jerusalem Post ("No to

informal censorship," December 11).
No use of "high-faluting" poinciples, such as the right to hear "different perspectives on the peace process" justifies making a man like Friedman the "guest of honor" at a major event of a Jewish organization dedicated to fighting defamation of Jews. Foxman pulls out all stops, by claiming that by having this pro-PLO Jew as its "guest of bonor," the ADL was actually defending great democratic principles of free speech and a free press. Foxman's ludicrous justification of Friedman as the ADL main speaker is worthy of an award, in and of itself, for cynical and satirical mumbo-jumbo.

RUTH and NADIA MATAR. Women in Green.

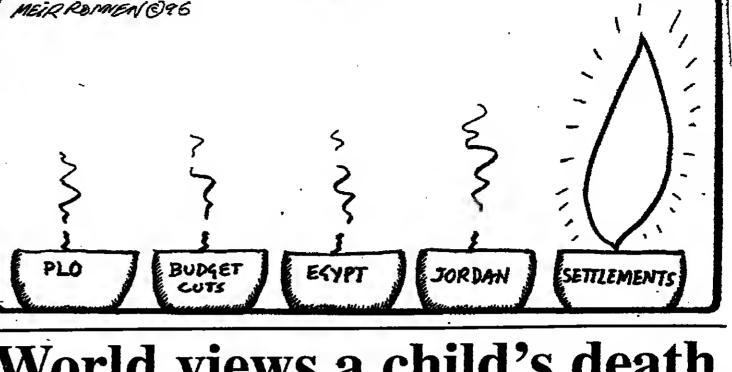
#### BAR-ILLAN'S DISCLAIMER

Sir, - David Bar-Illan cannot be so naive as to believe that as senior aide to the prime minister he can make statements of importance and claim "I was speaking privately" (your report of December 8). He must surely know that in his position, when making a public comment on an important issue, there is

no such thing as speaking privately. Mr. Bar-Illan should have realized by now that he is no longer editor of The Jerusalem Post and no longer pontificating in his Eye on the Media, which was in any event very often controversial, and in making comments on the ADL/ZOA domestic "quarrel," he must realize that, in their own way, both organi-

zations are very pro-Israel. In my view, in spite of New York Times columnist Friedman having upset the community, more harm than good could come from the confrontation and therefore I support the ADL for having issued the invitation.

KENNETH BERG



# World views a child's death

FTER 11-year-old Hilmi Shousha met his untimely death in October, amid circumstances which are yet to be fully ascertained in a court of law, the world media's conscience and the tender hearts of peace-lovers worldwide were pricked.

The boy's photo was highlighted for days on all the news channels, local and foreign, that cable TV pipes into our homes.

Hilmi haunted us. It was impossible to turn on the TV without encountering his image, or his parents being sympathetically interviewed at length, or his neighbors screaming revenge, or his mass funeral.

Then there were the condolence visits to the Shousha family by the American ambassador and by contrite Israelis, mostly those who will grasp at any opportunity to beat the breasts of their political

Security guard Nahum Korman, accused of the killing not premeditated murder but perhaps manslanghter - was arrested and roundly vilified by a press unanimous in its opinion.

For a while it seemed that the vicious Jews had baked another matza with the blood of an innocent child. So what if he wasn't a Christian, and it wasn't Pessah? There was still the sense that this was yet another in the long list of dark Jewish crimes that the world.

SARAH HONIG

and some of our own, love to ascribe to Jews. Perhaps no ill-will is involved.

Perhaps it is unnatural for Jews to kill Arabs but natural for Arabs to kill Jews, and perhaps also the Jews bring it upon themselves, if they don't actually deserve it.

PERHAPS this is why the photo of 12-year-old Ephraim Tzur did included a comment from a stern Prime Minister Netanyahu. The BBC outdid itself with commentary on the burning question of whether Israel would seize on the incident to slow down the peace process even further.

Funny how Israel always gets to be the villain of the piece, even when a bittle boy and his mother are gunned down in cold blood.

The story was never personal-

Funny how Israel is always the villain of the piece, even when a little boy and his mother are gunned down in cold blood

not feature so largely in broad-casts of Wednesday's murders by CNN, BBC, Sky and ITN. Some of their newscasts even

forgot to mention his age. In fact they only briefly referred to a "drive-by shooting of two Israeli settlers" which, alas, served as a pretext to impose a closure on

Film clips showed only impersonal metallic images: the attacked and attacking cars in the darkness of night.

Those who gave the item more than a few fleeting seconds

ized. No one dwelt on the tragedy of Ephraim and his mother. No one showed the wounded little sisters and father. No one sent film crews to their home and to their neighbors.

Ephraim's grisly and untimely death, and his mother's, do not, somehow, arouse the world's revulsion or outrage. This despite the fact that Ephraim - unlike Hilmi - wasn't given to stoning passing cars as an afterschool pastime; despite the fact that the only thing he was doing when he was attacked was riding home with his family after a holiday outing; despite the fact that his death was beyond a doubt no accident, not

Ephraim's death was the most coldly premeditated murder possible. And unlike Korman, Ephraim's murderers were not horrified when he fell, and they did not frantically try to revive

Most likely Ephraim's murderers even feel a sense of failure because they only got the mother and son and didn't succeed in finishing off the entire family.

Trust the world media to apply a double standard. We already know that one child's life isn't as precious as another's.

The world media wasn't, after all, very much concerned when 16-year-old David Boim of Jerusalem was gunned down on his way home from school in May. He got a brief mention on the foreign networks as "a settler." No one focused on the fact that he was a boy waiting for a bus to take him home.

Somehow that made his slaughter more palatable, if not altogether legitimate. It painted the Arabs

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days of the Maccabees. The

Greeks songht to create a "New Middle East" with a common

language, culture, and religion.

# Too much in return for nothing

Y basband met with Y busband met with Yasser Arafat. While I respect my busband and practice what I preach about understanding, civilized comto differ with the parade of Jews who have been making pilgrimages to the chairman of the Palestinian Authority.

With all due respect, I feel that these meetings increase Arafat's stature, that they bring him deference and bonor - and, quite frankly, bring the Jews nothing in return.

I cannot forget that it was our partner in peace who opened fire on our soldiers just a few months

I cannot forget Arafat's speeches to his people in which be speaks of jihad, armed strug-gle, the Zionist enemy, and the liberation of all of Palestine. . I cannot forget Arafat's condo-

lence call to the family of Yihye Ayyash, "the Engineer," in which he referred to Ayyash as a boly martyr, as be did to the female terrorist who blew up a bus, killing innocent men, women and children.

**ESTHER WACHSMAN** 

have no right to claim the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron.

Nor can I overhok Arafat's words; and I am suspicious and latest claim that Abraham was frightened by his new tactic of tolcrance, I beg peither Jewish nor a Hebrew but achieving by "peace" talks what simply an Iraqi, and thus Jews he could not gain through war and terror.

Meanwhile terror continues.

I beg to differ with the parade of Jews who have been making pilgrimages to Arafat

covenant the prophet Mohammed made with the tribe of Kureish, a treaty be broke when the time was right, when that tribe became weak. He then proceeded to

slaughter them. Arafat has compared that treaty to the Oslo accords and has stated on many occasions that the rift and discord in Israeli society will weaken us to the point where the Palestinians can then conquer us.

As much as I yearn for peace. 1 cannot help but distrust Arafat's intentions, based on his own

Arafat constantly refers to the Wednesday's abominable act near Beit El is still too raw and painful for me to comment on, but I cannot help seeing it as terrible confirmation of the view that Arab murderers of Jews can and will find a haven in the cities under Arafat's control.

> I FEEL shamed and bumiliated by the bevy of my good and decent countrymen who are lending Arafat support and strength.

Let us not forget that we are an alien body in this region, just as we were under the Greeks in the

Only a bandful of "insane" alots who wanted to preserve our spiritual ties to Judaism stopped Hellenistic domination over the wbolc region and fought to the death to preserve Jewisb values and beliefs. We are again in danger of both physical destruction from withont and spiritual destruction from within. We must resolve our differences in order to pre-

serve what generations of our ancestors died to keep alive: our very Jewish identity. When a Jewish police force compels an observant Jew to desecrate Shabbat my beart

aches and my soul is tortured. The challenge to Zionism

today is to fill the magnificent entity we have built here with the spirit of Jewish principles, not Hellenistic ones.

The writer's son Nachshon was killed by Hamas terrorists in October 1994

# POSTSCRIPTS

A BUSINESS student sued PepsiCo Inc. for not giving him a Hanier fighter jet like the one featured in a promotional TV ad. John Leonard, 21, of Miami,

accused Pepsi of breach of contract, fraud, deceptive and unfair trade practices, and misleading advertising. Pepsi maintains the commercial was a spoof and says it has a perfect right to use humor in its advertising. If we have to put disclaimers on

spots that are obviously farces, where does it end?" a Pepsi spokesman said. in the promotion, customers who had accumulated points on beverage containers could claim a variety of prizes. As a joke, the company also "offered" the \$70 million fighter jet

for seven million points. To avoid having to drink that much Pepsi, Leonard called the company and said he was told he had the option of buying Pepsi points for 10 cents each.

Five of his friends put up the \$700,000 he needed to claim his prize, and Leonard finally delivered to the company 15 original Pepsi Points plus a check for \$700.008.50 for the remaining 6,999,985 points, "plus shipping and handling," the lawsuit says.

VITORIA PEDRUCO has pretty daughters - officially. The Macau mother has produced four daughters who have all been crowned beauty queens. The youngest, 21-year-old Guiomar, was crowned Miss Macau this year, after her three sisters won the same title in 1995, 1993 and 1989.

SEXUAL-harrassment THIS nonsense is really getting out of The law showed no mercy for Johnathan Prevette for kissing a

female colleague without her consent. Johnathan is six years old. The little blond American boy with big, thick glasses was punished by his school for the kiss.

He was separated from his classmates for a day and not allowed to go to an ice-cream party for pupils with perfect attendance. Asked what possessed him to kiss a girl, he said: "Because you love them and that you're friends."

His mother Jackie said she wants the school board to revise its policy on sexual harassment to exempt children in the third grade and younger who have no concept of sexuality.

The school denied sexual harassment was ever an issue and defended its decision to punish Johnathan. The student was disciplined

for violation of the general school rule which prohibits unwarranted and unwelcome touching of one student by another." In his own defense, Johnsthan

maintains bis classmate asked him to kiss her. On a separate occasion, he said, she kissed him. "Johnathan is very friendly and affectionate," Mrs. Prevette said. "He doesn't understand wby he was punished."

IN VINITA, Oklahoma, they're a delicacy called "calf fries." Elsewhere they're called "prairie oysters." The French call them "roubignoles," a slang word that roughly translates as family jewels."

They're the part of a buil the steer probably wishes be could still call his own.

Vinita, a town of 5,800, and Domevre-en-Haye, a French village of 400, claim the world's only festivals bonoring bull testicles, and this year they're swapping recipes at Vinita's 17th Annual Calf Fry.

"It's good!" proclaimed Domevre-en-Haye's mayor, Jean Francois Segault, at breakfast, biting boldly into a fried testicular nugget

each preparing 18 kg of calf fries for the cook-off. He said Vinita's chewy, sliced, batter-dipped, deep-fried morsels are nothing like the

Segault helped judge 25 teams

boiled, santeed version in France. "Ours are made in a sauce with cream and white wine and mushrooms," Segault said. "Here, it is very different." Clay McKisick, a Vinita jeweler, described the Domevre-en-

Haye disb as tasty but unnerv-When you look at theirs, there is no mistaking what it is," he said. "Ours, it could be a chicken nugget for all you

BLACK HELICOPTERS. armored personnel carriers, a UN insignia - and the Internet is up and away again about mysterious UN vehicles roaming the US.
Officials at the UN sought to

quasb a new alarm spread via the Internet about UN vehicle sightings, long a staple of American anti-government groups who say the global body is trying to take over the country. The most recent report came

from an Internet chat group. A woman said ber busband saw tanks, armored cars and troop transport trucks bearing the UN emblem being carried on train flatears through their town. "We live in Indiana and this

track runs from New York to California. Thought that you might find this interesting," Kathy told the chat group.

"What does this mean?" said chief UN spokeswoman Sylvana Foa at her daily briefing. "Well, we checked, and yes there are six leased armored personnel carriers of various types being transported back to the United States from UN

peacekeeping missions." The vehicles, leased from the US, were used in Rwanda and Somalia and were being shipped back to the US Defence Distribution Depot in Texarkana, Texas, she said.

There is no cause for alarm and they will be repainted once they get to the depot. So anyone here who sees APCs traveling across. America, not to worry," Fea added.



# Robin Hood he ain't

HERE is something fishier than ever in this year's budget debate.

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One of the first things we heard newly-elected Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu six-and-a-half months ago was that there was a monstrous budget deficit of NIS 4.9 billion. which, if not eliminated in one fell swoop, would bring the economy to its knees.

Since then we have been told: Oops! Our mistake - it wasn't just NIS 4.9 hillion but an additional NIS 1.9 billion, and if it is not eliminated, etc. etc.

Where did this horrendous deficit emerge from all of a sud-

We are now being told that it is the result of a very serious shortfall m government revenue, and that the real dimensions of that shortfall became apparent to the new government only after several months in office.

Why then did Netanyahu spout off about those NIS 4.9 billion in his very first days in office? Now that we're into the nitty gritty of the debate on his government's first proposed budget we begin to get a pieture of what is going on.
If the main source of the tremendous deficit is in the revenue shortfall the most obvious solution should be sought in that direction: increasing revenue. But the proposals put forward hy Netanyahn and Meridor tend totally to the opposite direction: cutting expenditures - no matter

forbid that revenues should be touched. The atmosphere surrounding whispered proposals to raise taxes as a possible alternative is similar to what one might expect after telling a particularly lurid sexual joke in the Ponevezb

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yeshiva. When someone does make such a heretical suggestion they are palmed off with two supposedly telling arguments against touch-

1. "Read my lips." In the eleccampaign Netonyahu

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promised not to raise taxes. But if anything has happened to him during the past six months it has been the total collapse of the credibility of his statements to both foreign leaders and the pub-

lie at home. Nothing will happen to his by-now nonexistent credibility if be breaks that campaign promise and considers a judicious raising of taxes. 2. Higher taxes will dissuade people from working.

# Behind Netanyahu's budget there lurks

a hidden agenda

Ha! The impact of cutting government services for people in the lower income hrackets is the exact equivalent of raising the taxes of those in the higher income deciles. The people at the bottom will simply have to work

harder to make ends meet. I challenge anyone to show me one bank hranch manager, fat-car lawyer or any other denizen of Israel's very nouveau riche who will give up his position at the rim of the cream pot even if his inflated income is cut by half.

THERE IS a purpose in the insistence of Netanyahu, Dan Meridor and Ya'aeov Frenkel on slashing expenditures instead of increasing revenue. It is to achieve their ideological aim of slashing the size of government, the extent of its involvement in the economy and the scope of its socially equalizing programs.

They are exploiting the very real need to deal with the deficit as a pretext for their ideological designs, and there is an obvious giveaway in the way they have gone about cutting expenditures.

One of the most obvious places

to cut is the NIS 9 hillion a year government subsidies to employers to cover their National Insurance costs. This should be coming long before old age and child benefits are touched or Knpat Holim physicians' fees

But that would mean forcing those at the top, who have been the main beneficiaries of Israel's boom during the past few years. to shoulder a fairer share of the

On the revenue side raising taxes (income, not VAT) should not be the first priority. There is a large untaxed black economy in Israel that has been assessed at about one quarter of the econo-

my. Neither Labor nor Likud governments have ever tried to deal seriously with this problem which is no reason why a new and young prime minister, osten sibly bringing in a breath of fresh air, shouldn't take on this chal-

In his TV address to the nation earlier this week, the prime minister promised that if the country pulls in its collective belt next year we will all be better off in a few years.

This is highly unlikely, judging hy the egregiously unequal way the benefits of the past few years of prosperity have been divvied up, creating an unprecedented gap between rich and poor and an increasingly frustrated middle.

We are already one of the 20 richest countries in the world. Netanyahn is promising us that if only we go Margaret Thatcher's way we will be among the Top

But a truly eivilized - and, dare l add, truly Jewish - society should be judged by how it uses its affluence to take care of its young, its aged, its sick and other unfortunates.

Here's boping the Knesset social lobby succeeds in forcing our would-be Thatchers to their knees in the Knesset Finance Committee.

The writer comments on cur-



# It's a good idea, but...

Netanyahn's perpetual optimism the initiatives that come ont of the Prime Minister's Office betray a kind of tacit acknowledgement that bis basic policies aren't really going to produce the secure peace voters were promised

Take the earliest such initiative, "Lebanon first. The idea that Syria would snddenly reverse its position and approve a separate deal on Lebanon after having rejected it consistently for years was so fanciful that it cannot even be dignified by the term "trial bal-

But it did have the merit of appearing to revive, if temporarily, some kind of diplomatie movement - or at least of distracting attention.

More recently Netanyahu has pnt forward another snggestion that might somehow seem to compensate for the paralysis in the peace process with both Syria and the Palestinians.

Last week in Lisbon he addressed the conference of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the institutional successor of the Conference for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

In his talk the premier endorsed the proposal that the European model be applied to the Middle East.

The CSCE aimed at containing and stabilizing the conflictual East-West relationship by creating an organizational framework within which some agreed guidelines and procedures for coexistence were adopted.

These guidelines, formalized at the 1975 founding meeting in Helsinki, were divided into three baskets: a political-security one (which recognized post-World War II boundaries, enshrined the non-use of force, and laid the groundwork for the development of a range of confidencebuilding measures); an economie one (promoting trade and capital flows), and a human-rights one (committing the participants to respect human rights and liberalize their domestic regimes).

Like "Lebanon First" the idea of establishing some similar institutional arrangement in the Middle East is too logical not to have been thought of before. It was actively promoted by Crown Prince Hassan in the early 1990s, incorporated into the Israeli-Jordanian Peace Treaty and more recently endorsed by British Foreign Secretary Maleolm Rifkind.

AT FIRST glance the idea of a CSCME seems unobjectionable. It could contribute to the management of eonflicts, the prevention of crises, the promotion of economie interchange and the breaking down of cultural and

other barriers. It could help sustain or encourage the peace process - or at least provide some kind of the dismal economic perfor-

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safety net in ease the process was in even more danger of collapsing than it is now. But most Arah states, includ-

ing some not in an active state of controntation with israel, are not really interested in a safety net in case the peace process fails, lest that make the prospect of failure less frightening to the rest of the world.

Ostensihly such institutions, like the multilateral working

A Mideast organization for coexistence based on the European CSCE model? The Arabs won't buy it

groups set up at Madrid, imply some kind of creeping normal-ization with Israel before the political conflicts have been settled, i.e., before the border questions are definitively resolved. These states' rationale is that

cooperation, security-bnilding normalization cannot precede the resolution of these political problems, which did not exist as impediments in Europe (although plenty of Latvians, Lithuanians and Estonians would argue other-

In any case, they are certainly not going to adopt the part of Helsinki that recognized existmg borders.

In a few cases, especially Syria, there are other, even more compelling reasons for an unenthusiastie approach.

According to some interpretations of the Cold War, the third Helsinki basket - the one about liberalization, openness, and human rights - was added as window-dressing in exchange for the political and economic concessions made by the West to the Soviet Union. The Soviets didn't intend to take it seriously. and most people in the West did not really expect them to. But things didn't quite work ont according to plan.

If the regimes in eastern Europe didn't take these formulas seriously, their domestic critics and dissidents did, and the authorities, in accordance with their international obligations. had to loosen the barriers to intellectual and cultural exchanges and access to infor-

Some of the early manifestations of Helsinki were the Charter 77 movement in Czechoslovakia and Solidarity

in Poland. It would be stretching things a hit to argue that the CSCE eventually led to the implosion of communism in eastern Europe and the end of the Cold War -

economies was a far more potent factor – but it certainly played some role in intensifying the pressures that the authors of glasnost and perestroika tried

> Netanyahu is aware of all this; in fact, the idea of a Helsinki process" in the Middle East conforms very well with his view that real peace in the region depends on a fundamental democratization of Arah regimes. But Arab rulers, especially

(and failed) to aecommodate.

Hafez Assad, also appreciate the potentially dangerous, unintended consequences of applying a CSCE model in their neighborbood, and they are determined to avoid repeating the mistakes of Soviet counterparts. (Assad reportedly still doesn't understand wby Mikhail Gorbachev is so admired in the West - after all, his whole ultimate accomplishment was to get his country broken up and himself thrown out of power.)

But even if the Arah rulers are better tactical managers they see no compelling reason to invite the camel of political subversion to stick its CSCE nose into the

In short, there is no reason to expect that Assad will be any more receptive to CSCME than he was to "Lebanon first." Of course that's no reason to

stop thinking about it as an intellectual exercise or marketing it as a public relations one. But there should be no illusion

that it could act as a substitute for movement in the bilateral negotiations, or an insurance policy against the dangers of a peace process gone completely

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Beyond quoting the Talmud in Palm Beach some years Lago. A woman was screaming in my study. She was a secular

Jew who had only recently become involved in exploring her Jewish identity I had performed the funeral service for her six-year-old son only two weeks before. The child had

died of leukemia. Why was this woman, still in the throes of acute grief, outraged to the point of near-hysteria?

It emerged that a friend had hrought her a recent elipping from The Jerusolem Post International Edition. The article in question quoted a well-known Israeli rabbinical figure as declaring that the children killed at the Habonim junction when an oneoming train smashed into their hus died because the mezzuzot in the homes of their par-

enis were faulty. My visitor told me vehemently: If Orthodox Judaism said God had killed her son as a punishment for sin she wanted no part of such a religion, or such a God. I explained to her that there was another Judaism, that there

were other Orthodox rabbis who did not elaim to have a direct line to God. "Why don't those rabbis speak out?" she asked. Sadly I respond-

ed, "They are afraid." "But what about you?" she ehallenged. "Why don't you speak out?" Taken aback, I had no answer.

Last week, Rahhi Ovadia Yosef told 8,000 people in Tel Aviv that the cause of all the tragedies befalling the Jewish people today

## MORDECHAI GAFNI

is Shabhat desecration. He further argued that anyone who flagrantly violates Shahhat euts himself off from the Jewish peo-

To declarations like this the rabhinical establishment has no response. They are afraid, for a lot of reasons. And Rahbi Yosef is a great scholar.

But I cannot remain silent. Because I am a rabbi and because l love Shabhat, Because I respect

and love only, even - and especially - while we argue.

BUT THE issue runs deeper. Rahhi Yosef suggests that all suffering results from sin. He claims to know with certainty how God runs the world. Can any human being know that?

No less a figure than Moses disagreed radically with Rabhi Yosef. Moses is depicted in the Talmud (Berachot 7a) as crying Rabhi Yosef. And because ont to God: ""Why do good peo-

Judaism is also taking responsibility for what you say, when you say it, in what context and to whom

silence is complicity. Ovadia Yosef does not speak for me. Nor, despite his erudition, does he speak for my

Judaism. Above all, he does not speak for my God. Furthermore, he does not even accurately represent the classic

positions of haredi Judaism. The acclaimed baredi authority, the Hazon Ish, explains: In a

world where God is "obvious to all," a Shabbat violator might perhaps be seen as excluding himself from the people of Israel or rebelling against God. In our confused world such an interpretation clearly does not bold.

In a world of hester panim, one where "God's face is hidden." where He is often far from visible, our response to our fellow Jews who do not observe Shabbat should be one of understanding

ple suffer in the world? Moses dared to ask; for Rabhi Yosef there is no question. They

The clear implication Moses' question is that suffering isn't always related to sin. People - and we all know of examples suffer even when they are good. Let's look at another book, the book of Job. Its entire point is

must have sinned.

that we don't understand how God runs the world. Job's friends argue that Joh's suffering must be a result of his "Shahbat desecration." But God sides with Job against his would-

be comforters. The book of Job understands that if we are really in a relationship with God we can live with the uncertainty of not always

knowing why things happen. It is

only when we are distant from

need to eling to hlack-and-white schemes of sin and retribution and lash out against the alleged sinners.

Jeremiah, Isajah, Hahakkuk, the great prophetic voices of Israel, all cry out to God in anguish: "Why is there such suffering in Your world?"

Even though these men were prophets who conversed with God they did not presume to understand why people experience horrendous pain during their lives.

There's more to Judaism than quoting the Talmud. There's also taking responsibility for what you say, when you say it, in what context and to whom.

Judaism is about trying to experience God's goodness as a living reality, about reaching out to others in love and understanding and not taking the risk of turning them away through castigation.

Lest I be misunderstood: I respect and esteem Rabhi Yosef greatly. But I also respect the spiritual intuitiveness of that wounded mother who challenged me - a representative of Orthodox Judaism - knowing clearly that God hadn't killed her baby as retribution for sin.

Our nation is thirsty for genuine spiritual leadership from people like Rahhi Ynsef. We hadly need the depth and beauty of Torah and Talmud. But we need it dispensed with kindness and love.

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# France opposes US's candidate for UN top job

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The UN Security Council resumed the search for a new chief yesterday with no sign France is softening its opposition to the presumed US favorite, apparently to pay back Washington for blocking a second term for Boutros Boutros Ghali.

France has consistently voted against UN undersecretary Kofi Annan of Ghana, even though the 5g-year-old chief of UN peacekeeping operations has emerged as the strongest of four candidates in two days of unofficial balloting in the 15-member council.

Diplomatic sources said the French would like to see other candidates enter the race for UN secretary-general rather than allow Annan to win the top UN

Annan is the only one of four candidates to surpass the nine council votes required for election. Results were secret, but diplomatic sources said Annan won 12 votes in the first two rounds Wednesday and 11 in the

But as one of the five permanent council members, France could veto Annan in an official vote. The United States vetoed a second term for Boutros Ghali November 19, saying he has been too sluggish in promoting UN reform. France strongly backed Boutros

As the meeting began, German ambassador Antonius Eitel said be expected no changes in the voting pattern. France has been voting against Annan and the United States and Britain, also permanent members, opposing the other three candidates - all from Frencbspeaking Africa.

Permanent members France, the US, Britain, China and Russia all have veto power on the council.

France's presumed favorite, lvory Coast Foreign Minister the first two rounds and six in the third. The United States and Britain apparently voted against

Two other candidates - former Niger Prime Minister Hamid Algabid and former Mauritanian Foreign Minister Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah - were fading. The United States and Britain were said to oppose them, too.

With the prospect of a deadlock, diplomats said the United States may force a formal vote to see if France would openly veto a widely supported African. Western diplomats have also hinted that the field could be opened to non-African candidates.

But other diplomats said China would probably veto any non-African candidate. Russia also supports limiting the field of candidates to Africans. Choosing an African would be in accordance with the UN tradition of giving each continent two terms.

US ambassador Madeleine Albright conferred Wednesday night with French ambassador Alain Dejammet but evidently failed to find a way out of the

The bitterness generated by the American campaign against Boutros Gbali has complicated negotiations, diplomatic sources

France has insisted that the next secretary-general speak fluent French. Annan speaks French but comes from an English-speaking

In principle, Boutros Ghali, 74, could revive his candidacy if the council is deadlocked. But that appears out of the question.

The council must choose a new secretary-general and forward the name to the 185-member General Assembly before the end of this

# Blast kills one in Tajik capital Dushanbe

DUSHANBE (Renter) - An explosion next to the main post office in the center of the Tajik capital Dushanbe killed one person and injured another yesterday, witnesses said.

Reuters correspondent Yuri Kushko saw a corpse lying near the build-ing and bystanders said an injured person had been taken to hospital. The blast smashed windows in nearby buildings hours after a cease-fire was due to come into effect in the former Soviet republic, which is wracked

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A Siberian tiger carrying a chicken walks on the roof of a feed vehicle at Harbin's Siberian Tiger Park in Heilongjiang province in northeast China yesterday. Visitors to the park buy a chicken for 40 yuan (NIS 15) and watch as keepers feed the live birds to the tigers. The park opened in January this year to save tigers from starving on a breeding farm that had fallen into financial trouble after the government banned the use of tiger body-parts in medicines. There are 30 tigers in the park, while 50 others remain at the farm.

# Wanted German nuclear scientist arrested in Brazil

SAO PAULO (Reoter) -German chemist suspected of selling nuclear technology to Iraq in 1989 and 1990 has been arrested

in Brazil pending an extradition hearing, police said yesterday. A federal police spokeswoman said Karl Heinz Schaab, 62, was arrested on Tuesday in Rio de Janeiro when he went to re-register as a foreign national living in

"He came in looking for infor-

NGARA, Tanzania (Reuter) -

Rwandan Hutu refugees fled the

biggest camp in oorthwestern

Tanzania yesterday, and UN refugee agency officials said as

many as 180,000 could be on the

The latest exodus, from Benaco

camp, brings to about 320,000 the

number of Rwandan refugees who

have escaped from 13 camps in

Tanzania, apparently for fear of forced repatriation to Rwanda.

Judith Melby, spokeswoman for

the UN refugee agency UNHCR.

told Renters that Benaco camp was now almost empty. "Certainly to us it looks like an

organized movement, which we

regret since we had just started

our repatriation program," she

In the Kenyan capital Nairobi, a

keswoman for the UN World

Food Program (WFP), said that

with movement out of Benaco it

was likely smaller camps would

it is unclear where these people

are going. Once a big camp like

Benaco starts to move then clear-

ly the smaller ones will also start

to go," said spokeswoman

Officials blame the exodus on to round up refugees.

BERLIN (Reuter) - Members of a Jewish family who

claim the Nazis forced them to sell land in eastern

Germany in the 1930s below the market rate began a

court case yesterday to try to get their former proper-

A spokesman for the court in Potsdam said the cur-

rent case involved claims on 11 properties in the town

of Tetlow-Seehof, south of Berlin, but that the heirs

also laid claim to a further 800 properties in the area.

Jewish families whose property was confiscated or unfairly sold by the Nazis can claim restitution under

Michele Quintaglie.

"There is a mass movement. But

follow suit.

ty back.

German law.

India to

test fire

short-range

missiles

NEW DELHI (Reuter) - India will

test fire an indigenously devel-

oped short-range anti-aircraft mis-sile at its Chandipur test range in

the eastern state of Orissa next

week, the United News of India

The test fire has been tentatively

fixed for some time between December 16 and December 23,

UNI said, quoting unnamed offi-

In preparation for the test, two

Trishul missiles have been moved

to the test range from the Defence

Research and Development Organisatioo (DRDO) at

Hyderabad in southern Andhra

India has had little success with

its short-range anti-aircraft missile

program, even though it has so far

test fired about 30 Trishul this-

The Trishul, named for the tri-

dent carried by the Hindu god

Shiva, has a range of 500 meters to

nine kilometers, and can carry a

(UNI) said yesterday.

Pradesh state, it said.

15-kilogram warhead.

siles, UNI said.

cial sources.

move from that camp alone.

Rwandan refugees flee

biggest camp in Tanzania

ed oo a court order," she said.

Schaab is wanted in Germany for allegedly selling uranium enrichment technology to Iraq without authorization by the German government, police said. They said he stole blueprints for building nuclear facilities and sold them to Iraqi agents.

The spokeswoman said Schaab. who was living in Rio, had a twoyear temporary work visa and

reprisals or prosecution.

cent empty.

camp was looted."

return to Rwanda.

Tanzania to avoid repatriation to

Julie Johnson, spokeswoman for

the UN World Food Program.

(WFP) in Ngara, told Reuters the camp at Lumasi, which had a pop-

ulation of 113,000, was 80 per-

"It appears the camp is virtually empty," Johnson added. "All

commercial activity has stopped.

The WFP warehouse at Lumasi

Tanzania and the UNHCR had

given the refugees until the end of

the month to leave the camps and

troops moved into the area around

the camps yesterday but it was

unclear whether Tanzania, tradi-

tionally hospitable toward

refugees, would use its troops.

The army has some 10,000 men in

the region but it has not yet tried

Jewish family bids to regain

east German land

Heavily armed Tanzanian army

was seeking to extend that to a permanent visa when he was

A local news agency said the temporary visa was issued July 10 and that Schaab was hoping to open a business in Brazil. It was not clear how long he had been in the country.

Brazil's Supreme Court ordered his arrest two mooths ago following a request by German officials, the spokeswoman said.

# intimidation of the refugees by the Interahamwe, Rwandan Hutn

militiamen who led the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. The Interahamwe are determined notto go home because they fear Earlier yesterday, about 90,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees fled the Lumasi camp in northwestern

Ruling on 16 applications, the Commission headed by Archbishop Desmond Tutu granted and refused applications by self-confessed perpetrators of buman rights crimes on both

were right-wingers responsible for bombings shortly after Nelson Mandela's African National Congress began democracy talks with then president F.W. de Klerk's white-led National Party. The blacks pardoned were members of an ANC-aligned selfdefense unit that killed three black gangsters terrorizing their

"They walk as if the offense had never happened," Alex Boraine, deputy chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, said at a news conference.

Most cases in western Germany were settled long

ago but German unification in 1990 has thrown up a

series of new claims in the former Communist east,

The Tetlow-Seehof case, being pursued by the heirs of businessmen Max and Albert Sabersky, is one of

the biggest such claims and could set the tone for sim-

The local government agency responsible for

resolving property issues has rejected the Sabersky claims, saying it believes the businessmen received a

where the law did not apply.

ilar cases in the east.

fair price for their land.

after confidence vote

"This is another kind of government, capable and willing to change Romania's fate," Prime Minister Victor Ciorbea said after taking the

"A government that will fight poverty and catch the train of history

The government is the offspring of a pact struck after Emil Constantinescu and his centrist allies forced ex-Communists from gov-

ernment for the first time since 1989 in presidential and general elections

Most jobs went to the president's Democratic Convention (CDR) bloc

and its Social Democratic coalition partners. Also included for the first

time in the post-communist era were two leaders of Romania's 1.6 mil-

The government's program, overwhelmingly approved by parliament

oath in the Cotroceni presidential palace.

lion ethnic Hungarians.

moving toward integratioo into NATO and Europe."

on Wednesday, is short on specific economic targets.

# South Africa grants amnesty as new requests pour in

CAPE TOWN (Reuter) - South Africa's post-apartheid "truth commissioo" yesterday pardooed four anti-democracy whites and three anti-apartheid black vigilantes for buman rights crimes in the final days of white rule.

Fruth and Reconciliation sides of the struggle over apartheid.

Those whites given amnesty township near Kroonstad.

# Police halt student march on Milosevic home

BELGRADE (Reuter) - Riot police halted 30,000 students yesterday as they marched towards the Belgrade home of Scrbian President Slobodan Milosevic as part of their joint campaign with the political opposition to drive him from power.

A cordon of police in riot armor halted the students under the win-dows of the US Embassy, which has threatened Milosevic with reprisals if he crushes the three-week-old anti-government demonstrations with force.

Although the demonstrations against socialist rigging of local elections on November 17 have been peaceful, the atmosphere became nervous as the students nimed back and still more police appeared in side streets along the march route.

The confrontation happened as Italian Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini met Milosevic and leaders of the Zajedno (Together) coalition of opposition parties, who claim the socialists cheated them of victory in Belgrade and 14 other towns.

Dini's mission - apparently sup-ported by the US, which has vowed to isolate Milosevic internationally - began as the opposition faced a critical test of its ability to mobilize mass street protests against

Daily demonstrations in Belgrade by Zajedno and the students have sirrunk to around half of the 150,000 people who turned out at their peak. The falling numbers have eased the ressure on Milosevic.

Political sources said it was unlikely that Milosevic would budge on possession of the capital though he might pacify Zajedno by handing over other towns.

The authorities have begun to take a tougher line since a young worker was arrested and bearen by police for carrying an effigfy of Milosevic in prison garb at a march last week. Belgrade actor Gojko Balotic, who was arrested during Wednesday's demonstration, was also bearen before being released

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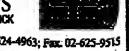
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# NEWS IN FOCUS

The Jerusalem Post Friday. December 13, 1996

# Flesh of our flesh

At the funeral of two murdered settlers, there was none of the old anti-government rhetoric. But Herb Keinon reports that the settlers' anger is just defused, not buried.

EIT EL's cemetery, sandwiched between rolling hills just outside the settlement, was much too small to toward the government or the accommodate the thousands of mourners at yesterday's funeral of Etta and Ephraim Tzur.

As a result, mourners unable to get into the cemetery stood on terraced hills nearby, straining for a look at what was happening down below. They could see a stretcher, hear the sounds of shovels digging up earth, listen to the eulogies.

The size of yesterday's funeral

was similar to another one held at the same site about a year and a half ago for Ohad Bachrach, killed with Ori Shahor while hiking in

Yesterday, as was the case with the Bachrach funeral, the eulogies of the relatives echoed off the hills. Yesterday, as was the case last year, people who didn't know

the victims wept openly.

The Psalms recited yesterday. both praising God and calling for Him to take vengeance, were recited at Bachrach's funeral as well. The Psalms gave appropriate voice to the emotions of the speakers and the moumers. And the emotions at the two funerals were obviously similar: heart-rending pain; palpable grief; acute suffering.

But there was one difference. The intense fury levelled at the government during the Labor administration was absent yesterday. There was plenty of anger, but it was aimed at the Palestinian

Ambority. Obviously, there was hatred, but it was directed at the killers: Any anger or hatred army was not verbalized, a dramatic break from the way things were prior to the elections just a few months ago.

THE TENURE of the previous government was marked by numerous attacks - so many that government representatives stopped attending funerals. Rarely, if ever, did they attend a funeral of a resident of a settlement.

Yesterday, a handwritten sign at the exit to the Beir El Yeshiva advised students not to talk to the press and not to shout any angry slogans at government or IDF rep-

This decorum did not exist under the previous administration. Likewise, the previous government did not speak with particular respect or affection toward the set-

One remark Yitzhak Rabin made that was particularly galling to the settlers, and which was referred to in one of the eulogies yesterday, was that the government sees its primary responsibility as securing the 97 percent of Israelis who live inside the Green Line. To the 3% in the settlements, these words

Terms like "pioneers," "flesh of our flesh," and "heroes" were never used in connection to settlers under the previous government. They have returned to the government's lexicon, and explain - at least in part - why anger toward the government was absent

from yesterday's funeral. Since Wednesday night's attack, Prime Minister Netanyahu has told the settlement community pretty much everything it wanted to hear. He pushed the right buttons. The anger over the attack was defused. Defused, but not buried.

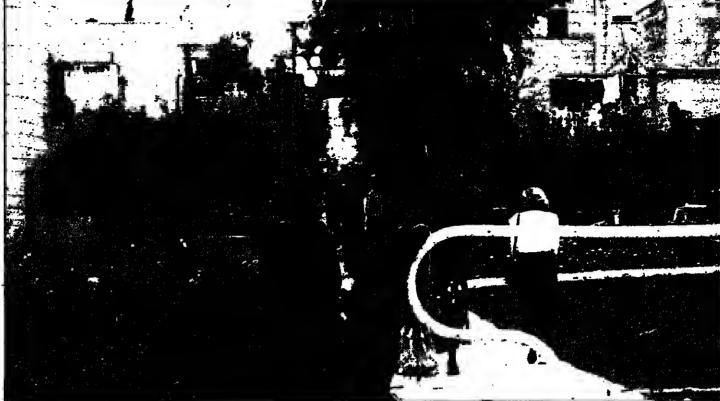
In his eulogy yesterday, Netanyahu called the Tzur family pioneers, "who live among pioneers, the heroes of our time." The prime minister said the time has come, after years of a smear campaign at home and abroad, to say, Nobody is better than they are. There is nobody like them to con-

Israel, the love of the land." "You are the flesh of our flesh," he said. There is no difference in the security responsibility this overnment feels to Beit El or Beit Kama, Shilo or Herzliya. There is no difference. We will increase our efforts in this place in order to ensure the security of all Israeli residents."

time Israel's heritage, the love of

Music to the ears of a community that felt intentionally marginalized by the Rabin and Peres governments. Even more significantly, balm following the type of loss sustained Wednesday night.

The pain is made easier to bear with these type of words, said Mordechai Rabinovitch, a leading



Beit El residents afer the attack. 'You start to think, it could have been me. It could have been my wife or my family.' (Briss Hender)

settlement activist from Kochav Ya'acov. "It is easier hearing that kind of a message than reactions we heard in the past like, 'What were

they doing there in the first place?"

But, Rabinovitch added, if the government on this occasion does not respond with a construcive, Zionist response - meaning more construction in the settlements then the patience with the government will end and the anger will return. "This license will expire, if there is not a real response to this tragedy," he said.

Daniel Nakonechny, a father of seven who moved to Beit El four years ago from Jerusalem, said the anger has been tamed because people understand that "the situation is complex. This government

inherited this situation from the

The situation was complex for the Labor governments as well, he is reminded by a visitor, but they

were not given any grace. "They brought it oo them-selves," be replied. "They got us into the accords."

Nakonechny termed the mood in the settlement one of numbness, "the way it usually is after a loss in

CONCERN with family is an emotion that naturally surfaces after a terror attack, said Tuvia Victor, a resident of the settlement for the last 10 years. "You start to think, it could have been me," Victor said. "It could have been

my wife or my family. That is what you think after something like this. But you try not to think about it, avoid the issue."

Victor was among the first at the scene of the attack Wednesday night. "Each time you see or hear about something like this, you go home, go to each of the children, and just thank God it wasn't you."

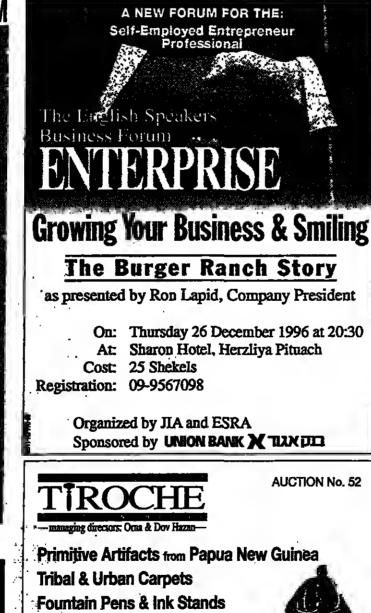
Although conversations with Victor, Nakonechny and other Beit El residents reveal the obvious opposition to the Oslo agreement, there were few calls at the funeral to pull out of the talks. Rather, the theme was for the government to demand that the PA do what it is obliged to do to catch and extradite the killers, and for the government to expand settlements each time there is an attack. Calls to expand the settlements or build new ones after each attack were rarely - if ever - heard when Labor was in power, because of the realization that they would fall on deaf ears. Now the expecta-

tions are different. You Tzur, whose wife and son were killed Wednesday night, gave voice to this sentiment during the words he spoke at the graveside. "Look at this hill to the north where the water tower is," he said, addressing Netanyahu. "I would like the government to start digging and build a thousand housing units as an answer to the tragedy. We worked hard for you to become prime minister, and we don't regret it. But you have to be strong."

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other thorny issues of the peace process are on hold until 1999, when so-called "final status" talks on a variety of issues, including Jerusalem, are expected to be concluded.

In fact, the future is almost now. Due to a key section of the Oslo II interim agreement, the Palestinians believe they are entitled to no less than almost the entire West Bank hy next September - before final status talks eveo begin. Settlementswould become islands in a Palestinian sea, as opposed the present situation where the

Palestinians are more like islands in an Israeli sea. Differences oo this issue,

known hy the acronym FRDs ("Further ReDeployments" or IDF pullbacks) will not only surface in the months ahead, but are one of the main elements blocking the Hebron deal. Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat wants an affirmation from Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu that he will earry out three pullbacks by oext September. Israel. according to Arafat, has already missed the September 1996 deadline for a first FRD.

But Netanyahu, realizing complexity of these redeployments, wants to skip the whole issue and go directly to the final status. Ironically, while in the pastIsrael viewed the interim agreement as the key to dealing with painful Jerusalem and 'military loca-

Arafat's adviser Ahmed Tibi reflected a broader view among the Palestinian leadership when he said, "Israel cannot get out of

fulfilling the interim agreement." Even Foreign Minister David Levy, in a briefing for reporters this week, said he did not see how Israel could avoid continuing implementation of the interim agreement.

In either event – the pullbacks or the less likely alternative of going to final status - the public should soon be getting a better - but perpaps not a complete - grasp of how Netanyahu envisions a finalstatus deal with the Palestinians and how he intends getting there.

TOP Palestinian negotiator for the Oslo II accord Ahmed Qreia, known hy his patronym Ahu Ala, told The Jerusalem Post, "it is my assessment that we will have 85 or 87 percent of the West Bank [by next September] at the end of the interim agreement." Today, the Palestinians completely control just the urban areas of the territories and immediate environs, which consists of about 3 percent of the territory,

known as Area A. Qreia said: "Oslo II said that at the end of the interim agreement. Israel keeps only settlements,

OST of the public issues of final status, Israel now tions. All the rest should be assumes that after a wants a final-status approach completely under the control of the Palestinian Authority. After covered the redeeming features the interim agreement, this of the interim agreement. should be the 'A' area under the

Some Israeli officials insist that it is more likely that hy the end of the FRDs, the area compromising the estimated 440 Palestinian villages, now labeled Area B, will turn into Area A.

Practically speaking, this means that Palestinians will have overriding security authority over an extra 27 percent of the West Bank. The IDF cannot enter such areas unless, as occurred in an unprecedented fashion this week in Ramallah after the Beit El terror attack, it is invited in by the PA.

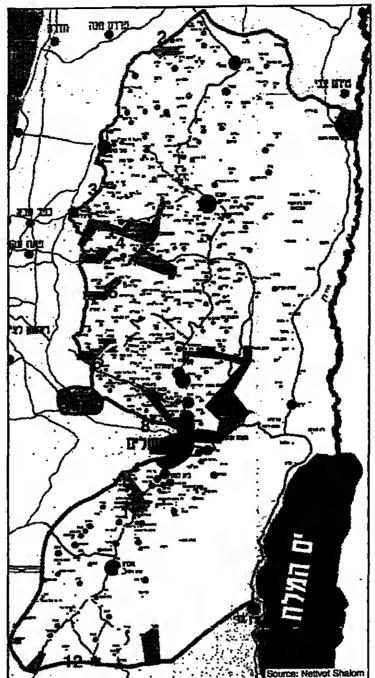
Even this oarrower Israeli definition will increase the isolation of some of the settlements near densely populated Palestinian areas, and bring to the fore, with greater force, the very future and viability of those specific settle-

The ootion of FRDs emerged from last year's Taba talks which led up to the Oslo II accord. Oreia pressed for Israel to yield about a quarter of the West Bank in each of three installments over an 18-month period, leaving the final quarter to be the subject of final-status talks.

However, theo-foreign minister Shimon Peres convinced Arafat that this was unrealistic, as Israel eould certainly not make large territorial coocessions before the elections, scheduled for November 1996. Instead, they agreed that the extent of the first two pullhacks would be unspecified, but hy the end of the third, Israel would indeed make a major puliback

Labor MK Ehud Barak, then interior minister, was the only minister involved in the peace process who objected at the time. When Peres sought authorization for the FRDs from Yitzhak Rabin, Barak said: "this puts us in an impossible dilemma. If we give so much territory io redeploymeots, we have no cards wheo we are faced with the toughest final-status issues. However, if we go to final status now...it could lead to a dead-end because the sides are not yet ripe. It is oot good for Israel and oot good for peace." Barak was pillo-

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## Beilin-Abu Mazen Plan

Population centers

ried by Labor critics who insisted he did oot understand the peace process.

The origin of the clause relating to the redeployment can be partially traced to the Camp David Accords, which refers to the IDF pulling back to "specified security locations." Oslo II broadens the pullback idea by oarrowing Israel's responsibilities from "security" to more limited "military" locations. Israel's authority

12 Jewish settlement blocs to be annexed to Israel

in the territory therefore narrows even though its Jewish settlement population is greater than it was during Camp David. Then there were a few thousand settlers, but today there are approximately 140,000 people.

Qriea said that any implansible definition of "specified military locations", would be deemed unacceptable to the Palestinians. "If Israel needs to keep soldiers oo a certain mountain or

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patrolling borders in the Jordan Valley, we can discuss this. But we cannot discuss this if the Israelis want to use this clause in such a way which makes it clear that they are not serious."

Joel Singer, the former Foreign Ministry legal adviser who negotiated both the original Oslo and Oslo II agreemeots, puts forward a different interpretation. In a Jewish legal journal, he wrote that Israel has the right to unilaterally "specify" which parts of the West Bank it considers to be a military location, noting that the accord does not use the usual language of "agreed upon" mili-tary locations. Foreign Ministry officials say that Israel will use Singer's interpretation when entering these talks.

However, the legal perspective is only one side. The political reality is more complex. The widely divergent expectations could put Netanyahu into a nowin situation.

Specifically, if Netanyahu yields to the Palestinian interpretation on pullhacks, he will be ceding almost all his territorial bargaining chips, and hence lose leverage before the issue of Jerusalem is even raised.

On the other hand, if he does oot yield, the Palestinians will almost certainly seek to take their case to what they feel is the highest court - the court of international public opinion.

Arafar has proved more effective than Netanyahu, when he says about Hehron, "I am not asking for the moon. I only want what has been agreed upon." Moreover, this widening gap of expectations incurs the risk, as seen in last September's Western Wall riots, of sustaioed Palestinian unrest.

This deep-felt coocern about the next phase of the peace process has been the higgest force fueliog both stepped-up calls within Netanyaho's own coalition for a oational unity government, and calls for moving directly to final-status talks. A package deal on final-status issues would avoid, in the eyes of some, the "salami-like" approach to yielding slices of the territories now, depriving Israel of any future negotiating leverage.

WHETHERby way of further interim pullbacks or final status talks, it is critical that the Netanyahu government bas a visioo of how it wants the talks with the Palestinians to eod. While there bave been a flurry of territorial ideas oo the future status of the West Bank, for clarity's sake it is useful to

look at three different paradigms. · Cantons. The first approach is one mat Anel Sharon calls "cantons" and Arafat derisively calls "Bantustan," in allusion to the old South Africa's homelands idea. The idea is to ensure the Palestinians have no territorial contiguity between their cities, so they could never form a state. Instead, settlements and roads would essentially box in Palestinian urban areas. According to this approach, these areas would oot only be boxed in, but the IDF could enter these areas at will

In Netanyahu's book A Place Among the Nations published three years ago, he endorses this idea but uses the American name of "counties." Netanyahu writes: "Israeli military and security forces must have access to every part of the territory ... It would be appropriate, therefore, to develop a system of four self-managing Arab counties: Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah, and Hebron.... I propose that this arrangement of selfmanaging counties be implemented first for the interim period and later incorporated into the negotia-

tions for a final settlement." However, the Oslo accord has apparently made Netanyahu think his old ideas are unworkable. By the eve of the May elections, Netanyahn distanced himself from this. Wheo asked then by the Postwhat he thought about cantons, he responded, "I think they are oot going to put us in isolated little islands and we are

not going to do it to them either." If Netanyahu does not accept the canton idea, the government should not therefore seek to expand the Jewish settlemeots alongside densely populated Palestinian areas in the heartland of the West Bank, settlements which were mostly established by Sharoo in the late '70s and early '80s for this purpose. For example, it would be hard to understand the logic of plans to expand places such as Nahliel, which is just northeast of Ramallah, as suggested this week by settlement leaders in The Washington Post.

· The Third Way, This map calls for Israeli territorial presence along two columns, namely western Samaria and the Jordan Valley, providing Israel with just under half of the territories. One official in the Prime Minister's Office said: "Our territorial ideas and the Third Way's are very similar. Anybody who thinks we can significantly expand in the middle of Judea and Samaria is mistaken." At a meeting with Jordan Valley settlers earlier this month, Netanyahu declared that .

Israel wanted to annex this are in final-status talks. Of course, it a move laden with symbolism, it should be recalled that Netanyahu took Dan Shomron, who headed the Third Way for a brief period, as his chief negotia.

Beilin-Abn Mazen (See man). This idea, whose outlines were agreed upon last year by two architects of the original Oslo accord. Yossi Beilin and Mahmoud Ahbas (known by the patronym Abu Mazen), based on a map by Yitzhak Frankenthal of a map by Inches Plankennal of the religious peace movement Networ Shalom, calls for Israel to annex seven percent of the territory where an estimated 75 percent of the settlers live, in return for Palestinian statehood. This idea has been at the center of Beilin's effort to reach common ground with some Likud MK's including Michael Eitan. With the Netanyahn government not welcoming the seven percent idea as a solution, the Fatah Council this week, apparently for tactical reasons, took its support for the concept off the table.

According to the Frankenthal map, Israel would not need to . annex a single Arah village, while annexing settlement blocs in Gush Etzion. Ma'aleh Adumim, and western Samaria as a part of border modifications. (In the absence of a peace pack. age, neither Menachem Begin nor Yitzhak Shamir succeeded in annexing a single settlement.)
Under this idea, both Israel and the Palestinians would have temtorial cootiguity, as "blocs" or "sleeves" which would be connected to the Green Line.

WHEN Netanyahu notes how Labor expanded existing settlemeots by about 40 percent over the last four years, it should be noted that this growth took place within what Rabin considered the "Greater Jerusalem" area, embracing Gush Etzion and Ma'alch Adumim along with some building slightly east of the

Green Line in western Samaria. Despite the endless press reports about Netanyahu's plans for settlement expansion, the only ones which are known to have gained any approval by the authorities fall within the seven percent lines, Specifically, the only settlement expansion which has gone through full approval is Kiryat Sefer, which is just east of the Green Line, near Modi'in. Two others - Emanuel and Kedomim - are barely within the seven percent lines and have won preliminary approval of the Civil Administration, although they have yet to win final approval from Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

Here comes Netanyahu's dilemma, and perhaps even his opportunity.

The US is very wonfied that Netanyahu is about to announce a flurry of settlement expansion to be timed with a Hebron deal which coold undermine US efforts to improve the tense relations between Netanyaho and Israel's Arab neighbors. Such plans could also have a broader impact on the Netanyahu government's ability to forge a strong relationship with a second-term Bill Clinton, no longer bound by electoral considerations.

However, declaring that he has oo intentioo of expanding beyond the seven percent line may be significant in placating some American and Palestinian fears, although Netanyaho apparently believes such a statement would burt him within his own coalition. Nooetheless, even if final status is only down the road, the time for trade-offs should be now.

Netanyahu might be able to defuse inevitable tensions with the US, Palestioians, and the international community if he could work out a quid pro quo with the Palestioians on the FRDs. In so doing, he would seek to assure Palestinians that Israel is not about to create more "facts on the ground" that would thwart an overall peace deal with the Palestinians, while placate loyal Netanyahu supporters.

Netanyahu would promise Arafat that expansion of existing settlements would be limited to the seven percent area approved by Ahu Mazen, perhaps along with a couple other strategic areas. In return, Israel would significantly enlarge Area A. The net effect will be the emergence of evolving zones of influence in the territories - an almost rolling final-status agreement which would unfold over the next three years. (In the final talks, Netanyahu will obviously stake a claim to more than the seven percent of the territory favored by Beilin and Labor.)

But, if tensions on the ground remain high, talks may never even get to that point, unless a modes vivendi is worked out now.

Without clear blueprints on how to handle the FRDs and settlement issues and, critically. how they relate to each other during 1997, profoundly unsettling consequences are possible. If this is not handled properly the public should buckle its se belts for a roller-coaster rich next year.

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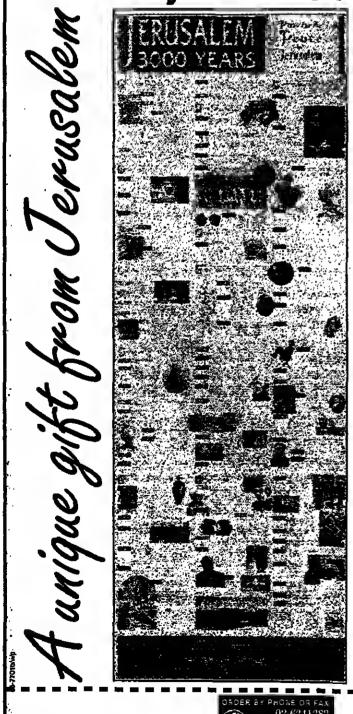
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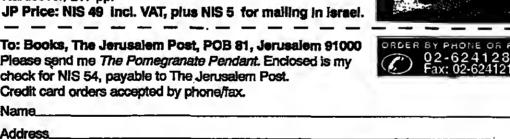
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## **FEATURES**

# Controlling the day of rest

# Look out! The Labor Ministry's 'Shabbat police' will strike again tonight, Sue Fishkoff reports

EGINNING at sundown tonight, and continuing all day tomorrow, inspectors from the Labor Ministry's department of labor-law enforcement will swoop down on Shabbat-violators for the second week in a row, hitting shops and kiosks around the country that defy national law probibiting their operation on the Jewish day of

It may not bother sleepy Jerusalem, where most shops are tightly closed on Shabbat anyway. But in the overwhelmingly secular towns of Gablee and the greater Tel Aviv area, these little surprise visits from the Labor Ministry are unwel-

Last Shabbat, ministry inspectors made the rounds of major commercial areas in Ramat Gan, Givatayim, Bilu Junction, Rishpon-Ga'ash-Shefayim Junction and Bat Yam, and paid "warning visits" to kiosks along Ibn Gvirol Street in Tel Aviv. In the north, they hit Karmiel, Yokne'am and the shops at Alonim

All in all, inspectors handed out 20 tickets, requiring business owners to appear in a labor court, where fines will be determined.

Tonight and tomorrow, according to the ministry's labor law department director Ephraim Cahalon, inspectors will visit most of the same areas again - issuing tickets to businesses they have already warned and will hit additional "trouble spots," including the shops at Givat

Cahalon insists his department's weekend sweeps are nothing new. We do this all the time," he claims, although he admits that for four years under the previous Labor-led government, enforcement of the Shabbat labor law was "less stringent." In fact, it was nonexistent, claim

business owners in some of the targeted shopping areas, "Until 1992, inspectors used to come around, but then we didn't see a soul for four years," maintains Alan Slevin, a part owner of Atlas Furniture in Moshav Rishpon, a well-known, bustling Shabbat shopping area.

"Now, literally the week before the new government took office, they came through again just to show their faces, as if they'd been doing it all along, which they hadn't."

Reaction from affected business owners ranges from sullen acceptance to outspoken defiance.

Big multinational stores, with headquarters abroad, seem content to ride out the domestic fracas in diplomatic silence. Top management at Ace Hardware and Toys 'R' Us multinational chains with stores at the Ga'ash interchange - both offer "no comment." An employee at Toys 'R' Us, speaking on condition of anonymity, suggests that the store "will pay the fine, if we get one, and just get on with business.

A huge operation like Toys 'R' Us may be able to brush off a fine of thousands of shekels, but a fine of even a few hundred shekels can represent a week's revenue to a small mom-and-pop corner kiosk.

Michel Ben-Abu, who works at a kiosk on the corner of Ibn Gvirol and Jabotinsky streets in Tel Aviv, says his kiosk sets its operating hours in order to avoid government inspec-

We work after sundown on Friday, but we usually close by 7 p.m. because the inspectors don't come around until then," he says. "Last week, we closed earlier because we knew they were coming. And they did. We don't want to argue with them."

Avivit Zinner, owner of the "Mammakei Aviv" kiosk at the corner



of Ibn Gvirol and Basel streets in Tel Aviv, says that closing her shop on Shabbat will hurt her business significantly, but she doesn't see an alternative. "I'll close if they tell me to, but it isn't right," she says. "What can I do? But I'll stay open this Friday night until I see them com-

PEOPLE who operate their businesses on Shabbat in defiance of the law maintain that they are serving the secular public, and that they would be unable to make a living if they closed on what they describe as their busiest day of the week.

Slevin at Atlas Furniture estimates he does 30 to 40 percent of his busi-

Last has no real regrets or

frustrations about his four-year

ness on Shabbat. He received a first warning last week from ministry inspectors, and says he's very worried. The last thing I want to do is close on Shabbat," he says. And if he gets an order to appear in court, be's

not going to take it lying down. several businesses in Rishpon are written up, we'll probably all go to court together and fight it as a group," be warns. "We're not just

going to pay the fine."

Avshalom Efter, owner of the Woodstock antique-furniture store at Moshav Rishpon, says he does more than two-thirds of his business on Shabbat, He's been visited twice by government inspectors this past month, but so far has only received

warnings. "For us, it's a life-or-death matter," be insists. "My business couldn't survive without the weekend business. Antiques are the kind of thing people buy as a couple. Look at the antique shops that have shut down on Ben-Yehuda Street in Tel Aviv because they can't open on

Tel Aviv, in particular, is display ing a feisty opposition to the Labor dinistry's apparent muscle-flexing. Mayor Ronni Miln sent a strongly worded letter Sunday to Labor Minister Eli Yishai, warning that any attempt on the government's part to disrupt the carefully balanced modus vivendi between Tel Aviv's secular and religious communities, specifi-

Shabbat."

cally by sending in inspectors to write up kiosks and snack shops operating on Shabbat, will be met his office.

"Our first step will be to issue permission for all stores to operate on Shabbat," he threatened.

Some errant shopowners are taking strength from the mayor's words. Shai Kuglevich, owner of four "Pitzutzia" kiosks in Tel Aviv, invited in Meretz volunteers last Shabbat to run his Ibn Gvirol kiosk and head off government inspectors. His kiosk was not visited, but he's repeating the tactic this Shabbat just in case.

entire Labor Ministry on our own." He invites all Tel Aviv kiosk owners to join him in a group opposition, however, "for our own good, and for the good of the secular public."

CAHALON remains nonplussed. Israel isn't the only country with enforced days of rest, be points out. He adds that Shabbat-breakers in this country are engaging in unfair competition with observant shopowners, who remain closed on Shabbat and complain to the Labor Ministry that they suffer financially

by doing the right thing.
"What can we do?" he shrugs.
"Until the country changes the law. we have to enforce it." He castigates those shopowners who hurled insults at his department's six inspectors last week, all of whom are Druse, most-ly students, working part-time for the ministry on Shabbat in lieu of Jewish inspectors.

"People shouted the worst things, calling them 'Druse animals'" he says. 'The mayor of Ramat Gan shouted, 'Don't be Shabbes goyim.' Jews can be the worst antisemites when it comes to their wallets. We'll arrest people who cross the line with

If the ministry continues enforcing Shabbat labor laws, shopowners counter, they won't have an easy job. "We are definitely going to fight it," vows Auto Depot general manager Uzi Katz, whose Biln Junction branch operates on Shabbat. "It's a brutal intervention upon our freedom as businesspeople, and our right as individuals to decide how to spend our Shabbat. We will take it as far as necessary in order to preserve the so-called status quo."

Amon Ben-Ezri, who has worked five years at Woodstock, warns that if the present government enforces. Shabbat closures, it will fall. "Our wives and children will march on the Knesset to demand unemployment compensation when we're forced out of business," he predicts. "T've voted Likud my entire life, and this "We're only doing it to make a has turned me into a Meretz point," he says. "We can't fight the activist."

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#### Pulling rank in the city that's never been safer UTGOING Tel Aviv police ehief Commander Gabi

## As the TA police chief moves on to become deputy police commissioner, he leaves behind a city with less crime and a compassionate legacy, Raine Marcus writes

term in the city. No. not every murder or major crime was solved, but still, says Last, Tel Aviv is a safe city, especially for tourists; and he is not leaving Hefetz. "The crime rate has decreased in the city and widephenomena like bag behind any extraordinary criminal snatching, bank robberies, or the phenomena for his successor, muggings of old people, have all scheduled to replace him this world can tourists wander around at night safely? The hotel area on There are no 'no-go' areas in Tel Aviv," he says leaning back in

Hayarkon Street is also safe." His frustrations, though, do lie

his chair in his almost empty office, just days before he takes on his new post as deputy police with the court system. commissioner - a new position created by Internal Security "It is frustrating and annoying that we arrest recidivist car Minister Avigdor Kahalani - thicves, for example, and judges under Inspector-General Assaf release them. In this new liberal-

ized era we also have problems. with courts remanding those indicted until the end of proceedings: Someone caught with seven kilograms of marijuana, obviously been dealt with. Where else in the not for personal use, was released on bail recently."

Crime, he added, has not disap-

peared, and will not vanish, but, it is now controlled.

Last's office has only a few remaining trophics still to be packed and transferred to his new office in Jerusalem. During his four years as commander of the

city that never sleeps, his office was adorned with original art books, ornaments, and small gifts from visiting foreign delegations. He hosted foreign police delegations, the FB1, ambassadors and others. Visitors were always welcomed warmly, not as a public relations exercise, says Last, but as a genuine gesture to show that police chiefs are approachable human beings, whatever their

Tel Aviv is considered Israel's most problematic city because of its high population of residents, visitors, and those entering the

city daily to work. "Some 2.2 million people are in Tel Aviv daily, either living or working here," he says. "We discovered that 60 percent of criminals are in fact from outside the city." Seventy percent of the country's vehicles enter and. leave Tel Aviv daily, says Last. The anticipated number of crimiworks, most by Israeli artists, an nal files opened by the end of the year is 78,000 - "practically the

lowest in the last decade."

While Jerusalem police mainly deal with political events includ-ing demonstratious and internal security, Tel Aviv police have to combat a whole spectrum of crime - petty and major offenses, traffic control, crowd control at large events such as soccer matches and concerts, the increasing problem of illegal foreign workers. All this, as well as terror attacks.

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# Daring missions deep down under

ATAN Polibuda and Yair Engel had a dream. While some of their friends sought to fly supersonic warplanes. they aimed to be denizens of the deep: members of an elite group of Navy frogmen that carried out dar-

ing missions.

The dream ended in the marky waters of the Haifa Bay on December 5, when the bodies of both men were found amid the sunken wreckage - still tied together by a rope that was to ensure that they wouldn't lose each other.

For IDF commanders, their deaths highlighted the latest in a series of troubling accidents in Shayeter 13, the elite underwater commando battalion that has seen better days. In the last five years, four members of the unit have been killed by accidents and many others have been injured. Moreover, after years of being regarded as one of the top units in the military, the navy commandos have been strug-gling in the 1990s to maintain their prestigious position as those who participate in the most important

missions against Israel's enemies. It's a subject that most Shayetet veterans don't want to talk about in public. "What's the use? Will it bring more volunteers to the unit?" asks Dov Bar, a Shayetet commander in the 1970s.

The early years of Shayetet were the suff of legends. The unit was formed in the 1950s, modeled after the famed Italian naval commandos who operated during World War II. Yohai Bin-Nun was its flambovant commander and the atmosphere resembled that of the Palmah underground.

But the Shayetet reflected the rest of the navy, a small force where discipline was lax and professionalism was low.

The low point was the 1967 Six Day War. Then, the Navy won approval for five attacks on enemy ports. It was an ambitious mission way beyond the capacity of the service. All of the missions failed.

The Navy had the resources to carry out the operations," Zev Almog, former Navy commander, "Unfortunately, the Navy failed and disappointed." After the 1967 war, Almog took The golden years of Israel's elite underwater battalion may be over, Steve Rodan writes:

over Shayetet and the unit became professional. Unlike his predecessors, Almog went on missions. He drilled the importance of constant training into his men. He integrated the commando force with the rest of the Navy ficet, rather than maintain it as merely a unit of frogmen on call.

The result was dramatic. In the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the Navy, this time with a less ambitious plan, struck four times at Egyptian ports and overwhelmed Arab forces considerably larger than its own.

Simply put, Shayeter and the Navy emerged as the heroes of "The benefit of the Six Day War

was that the Navy learned its les-son," Almog recalls.

By 1968, Almog had convinced the IDF chief of staff to use Shayeter as an amphibious commando force

far from Israel's shores. The raid on Egypt's Green Island in 1969 was the best example, where Shayetet surprised and overpowered an Egyptian army force on the strategic Red Sea island, thought to have contained surface-to-air missiles that could threaten Israeli warplanes.

The 1970s and early 1980s were the golden period of the Shayetet. Almog's Shayetet was comprised of members of kibbuzim, most of them children of Holocaust survivors. They underwent a course of nearly two years that made them the best frogmen in the world. Then, they learned other aspects of the Navy, such as commanding patrol and missile boats. Between 1969 and 1971, four members of the unit died in exercises and many more were injured, but at the time the IDF censored the media from

releasing the information. In addition, the unit instituted a system of promotion for the best and brightest. Almog introduced modern doctrine and equipment for his men. The model was the Air Force, and the system that was eventually adopted by the rest of

"A frogman is like a pilot," says [Res.] Lt.-Col. David Schick, former deputy commander of Shayetet. They are very special and demand special qualities that only a psychia-trist can analyze." Schick character-ized the Shayetet commando of the 1970s. He joined the unit in 1971 and within two years was participat-ing in missions in Egypt and other

Arab countries. The unit's goal was to press for raids wherever there was danger. Commanders argued that Shayeter can do what no other unit can slip into the sea many kilometers from the coast and then emerge on land and take the enemy by sur-prise. For this, they would need neither air or ground support nor a

large number of fighters.
They were always better than the Sayeret Matkal [General Reconnaissance Unit]," Meir Pa'il,

a military historian, says. The campaign to include the Shayetet caused a perpetual tug-ofwar between its gong-ho commanders and the IDF general staff and the defense minister. During the 1973 war, defense minister Moshe Dayan called off a Shayetet raid into Syria as unit frogmen were in the Mediterranean because of fear the operation would fail.

But in the mid-1970s, the Shayetet disproved the doubters in the military when they sunk a ship with weapons bound for Lebanon, a country that was turning into a PLO stronghold. The unit's commander was Gadi Sheffi, one of the most flamboyant figures in the Navy.

During the Lebanon war, the Shayetet participated in numerous commando raids, alongside such units as the General Reconnaissance Unit. They surprised PLO fighters and their Arab allies within Lebanon. During one raid, the Shayetet killed 12 enemy troops.

BUT BY the early 1980s, the nature of the Shayetet commando was beginning to change. The turning point came as early as 1978 when then-Shayetet commander Gen. Dan Shomron, under orders

Col. Hanina Amishav was fired by then-COS Lt.-Gen. Rafael Eitan because of a training accident in which Capt. Oded Elias was killed off the Sinai coast. The dismissal of the charismatic Amishav, the first

training accident, stunned the navy commandos, who threatened to quit en masse. Years later, Eitan, who only five months earlier fired the previous Shayetet commander, Sheffi, acknowledged he had acted

ever of a commander because of a

Amishav's successor was Ami Avalon, who later became Navy commander and now is head of the General Security Services. From the start, Shayetet veterans say, Ayalon was the odd man out. Until Ayalon, tradition demanded that either the Shayetet commander or his deputy

he a veteran frogman. That changed "It was a good idea in principle," a Shayetet veteran, who did not want to identified, recalls.

By the late 1980s, after Ayalon left the Shayetet, the unit became embroiled in a power struggle. Ayalon was regarded as a careerist, with the backing of Almog, and the daring commandos of the 1970s were soon placed on the sidelines.

Moreover, the unit was inundated by a new type of recruit. He was no longer a kibbutznik but a city slicker who graduated from a navy academy. They viewed the Shayetet the way others dreamed of the Air Force - as a personal challenge rather than as a national mission. (Only 3 percent of applicants are accepted into the unit.)

At the same time, the Shayetet was becoming more bloated in personnel and less influential with the IDF general staff. From about 1988, military sources say, the Navy was redirecting its energies from elite units such as the Shayetet to turning the service into a modern fighting force. Commanders no longer lobbied the chief of staff to participate in operations but sought to acquire missile boats and submarines. At the same time, then-Chief of Staff Lt.

from his political superiors, drasti-cally decreased the number of special operations.

The result, military sources say. is that the Shayetet has not been called to participate in special forces operations, particularly in Lebanon. Shayeter veterans say the unit which is not under the direct command of the general staff, has stopped trying to fight for its place in the array of 1DF special forces - at a time when the Arabs are developing their navies

and commando forces.
"In the 1970s and 1980s, we were always pushing the chief of staff to involve us in operations," a former Shavetet veteran recalls.

"At a certain point, two things happened. First, the army began playing it safe and the Shavetet was the first to be out. The second was that the Shayetet commanders didn't want to rock the boat and

Pa'il, the military historian and former IDF commander, agrees that in the campaign in south Lebanon the Shayetet has been largely replaced by ground troops, he says, like other special units the Shayeter finds it difficult to stay in shape without participating in prestigious operations.

"You need a commander to lead the Shayetet because in times of peace or calm they don't do much,"

Today, the Shayetet remains a busy unit, although its operations are not made public. The exercise in which Polibuda and Engel, both first sergeants, were killed, was regarded as routine. They were to swim two lengths of 650 meters behind a breaker in Haifa Bay. They were attached by a 1.5-meter rope so that they would not lose each other and could come to the other's aid.

An inquiry committee appointed by OC Navy Adm. Alex Tal is expected to return with conclusions within the next few days.

Regardless of what the committee says, Schick agrees that the Shayetet needs a face-lift and a new sense of purpose. "They're using the navy commandos but not sufficiently. I would say that they are not being exploited in an efficient way by either the general staff of the army.

#### SAFER

(Continued from Page 9) international narcotics trafficking from Europe and South America, Judaica thefts from Hungary, domestic violence traffic, acci-dents, noting and violent political demonstrations, the rise and subsequent demise of casinos, brothels, fraud, and the two-month siege by Uzi Meshulam are amonest other issues dealt with by Last and his

was the first to predict, 18 months ago, that the increase of illegal foreign workers in the city would present problems," he says. Today the phenomenon is being dealt with on a ministerial level."

force. No easy task.

LAST, a redhead who has been known to have the temperament to match, was most affected by the strew tragic assassination of Prime get."

Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was murdered right in the center of the

The kidnapping of 19-year old Keren Gertler, daughter of a wealthy diamond dealer, by Avi Saban, who was later shot dead by police, elso influenced, Last, whomitially put a total blackout on the incident to avoid endangering lives. Gertler, following intensive detective work which traced the cellular-phone calls made by her and her father, who was also later abducted by Saban, returned home safely.

"Naturally the terror attacks which occurred in the city - including the two bombings on Dizengoff Street - affected me very, very much," said Last. "We policeman. are still flesh and blood, and the sights of dismembered bodies strewn in the streets are hard to for-

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TA Mayor Ronni Milo wishes Last well at his going-away party this week at Kfar Hamaccabiah.

The 1994 murder of cabbie

Derek Roth by two teenage youths

- the first marder of its kind here -

also deeply shocked Last. Last cannot be described as a cold fish. He is warm and friendly but on the other hand, when annoyed, does not hide his anger. His speech is animated, and he uses the colloquialisms of the "man in the street." He also makes no excuse for the fact that when not working, he can be seen at art exhibitions, cultural events, diplomatic cocktail parties, and generally hob-

nobbing with the jet-set. At the beginning of his term, he personally toured all police stations incognito - and went to remand hearings in the city's Magistrate's Court - in plain clothes - to super-vise proceedings and the behavior of both policemen and officers. Last was present at nearly every murder scene.

"I speak to people as people, regardless of who they are and of my rank and uniform," he says. "I think people now trust us."

Last is known to say exactly what he thinks. If one of his policeman has done something wrong, or even committed an offense, he is punished to the fall degree, or handed over to higher authorities for judg-ment. "But if one of my men made a mistake simply out of human error, and is being judged wrongly, I will give him my full backing."

LAST WAS born in 1946 in Heidelberg, Germany. Two years later be immigrated with his family and settled in Ramle. He holds a law degree, and a master's in social sciences. He enlisted in the police force in 1967, after serving in the IDF paratroopers corps, and in the Border Police — "the greens" in police jargon. From 1985 to 1989 he served as the Border Police deputy commander. Prior to his appointment as Tel Aviv police chief — considered a prestigious post — he was chief of the national special operations division.

Just under four years ago he was

candidate for Police Heferz. Since then he has acted as his replacement in Hefetz's absence. Now he will work with

My mam role will be to coordi-

nate between the different divisions and with the Internal Security Ministry," he says. "I will deal with strategic planning for the future, decided by the commissioner. I will do anything I can to contribute." Sounds banal, maybe, but Inspecter General Hefetz did not say much more:

Gabi will be in charge of all coordination and planning in all areas," said Hefetz. "If it turns out that he wishes to focus on one specific area which is of special interto so. The position is mostly headquarters work and he will belp to add to changes in the police force in the future, based on my policies," he

says. Last also makes no secret that he aims to run for the position of commissioner following Hefetz's term. "I have never demanded or expected anything, " he says. "I have always believed that whoever

is chosen for any post is the best for the job." According to Last, married to Ruti and the father of three, the man in the street and his safety and well-being are the most important factors. "Complaints by civilians about police behavior or failure to deal with complaints to police were always answered within 24 hours,"

always deal with them." Police stations have been gentrified - instead of the old dilapidated waiting rooms for people wishing to file complaints, most stations have been renovated, and Last said he has tried to educate his force to deal with civilians politely and

be says. "Even if we could not

effectively.
The standard of police has also improved, he says. Pointing to a book of newly prepared statistics, he shows that that 93 percent of policeman completed high school while 5 percent have a university degree. Among officers, 34 percent have a university education. The old adage that two cops are

necessary - one to read and one to write - no longer applies in the force," he says. Some 28 percent of police in the

city are women - the highest percentage in the country. He argues that since he has been

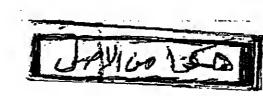
Tel Aviv's top cop, the crime rate has decreased, and is still decreasing. The only district in the country which can boast a marked decrease in the number of break-ins into cars, car thefts, and burglaries of homes and offices," he says proudly. There has been a 10 percent decrease in the last year in fatal road accidents.

The number of murders has more or less been steady over the past few years - there were 24 murders in the city, with 70 percent of them "It still hurts that we cannot solve

all murders," he says, "Underworld figures will always fight amongst themselves and in some cases kill each other. With these people we are conducting a bartle of wirs."

Last concludes by saying he is leaving behind, for his successor. Commander Shlomo Aharonishky, a "young force, with vision, and veteran officers with loads of expe-

rience under their belts."



# Meridor is no Antiochus

TWO years before his current battle against the budget in particular and Levy ostensibly entertained "thoughts" of spearheading a brand-new, "socially oriented" party together with disgruntled Laborites and Shasniks.

The designs came as no surprise to old Jerusalem pundits. Unconventional, bold and optimistic experiments in political child-bearing are a time-bonored - if commonly ill-fated - tradition among local legislators, and against the backdrop of the Rabin government's refusal to finance longer school days it seemed like a natural ehoice for the self-declared Robin Hood of Beit Sbe'an.

Such genetic re-engineering was pio-neered by David Ben-Gurion, who, having felt betrayed by his old love, Mapai, found in its rebellious grandehildren suitable bedfellows.

The result was a premature baby called Rafi, the reformist party that in 1965 failed to conquer the Knesset and ultimately littered this country with political cripples like Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Navoo and Mosbe Dayan.
The Right, meanwhile, was oo less pro-

creative. A loog-infertile Menachem Begin concocted from the frozen sperm and ovum of various political has-beens (the Liberals) and would-bes (Ariel Sharoo) a multi-headed beast called

The centrists, for their part, joined together the single-parent families of Yigael Yadin and Amnon Rubinstein to raise a test-tube baby called the Democratic Movement for Change, only to see its dismembered limbs scattered anywhere from Begin's wings to Sbulamit Aloni's bosom.

Eveo the National Religious Party which like the biblical Sarah, stunned everyone with a pregnancy well after himself. In reality, his economics added

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menopause - bore three toddling rascals named Tami, Tehiya and Shas, and one nerd called Meimad.

And so, when Levy was rumored to cootemplate the adoption, with Shas leader Aryen Deri, of a black-marker baby to be named something like tax-and-spend -while Haim Ramon was playing in the background with Ram, the infant be had bred through a surrogate mother called Histadrut - one could neither belittle the electorality nor disparage the dangers of that theoretical scheme.

But there was the catch. Levy is oo Ben-Gurion, Begin, Yadin, or

even Ramon. Unlike them, he ultimately lacked the guts one must possess to abandon a cozy political bome and, bare-chested, face the whistling winds, deafening thunders and glistening lightnings that always await the lonely loog-distance runner. When push came to shove - i.e. as polls indicated his independent bid would result in little more than a parliamentary anecdote -Levy duly embraced his old personal oemesis and social antithesis, the Milton Friedmanite Binyamin Netanyahu.

At that point, Levy lost the moral and political right to pontificate to us on anything, Those of his loyalists who were deluded into expeeting a momentous odyssey into political centrism and social emancipation discovered they were mere extras in a show aimed at promoting oo cause other than David Levy.

Part and parcel of that show was Levy's posturing as a ebampioo of the economically weak, the very constituency be unceremoniously abandoned to look after up to the pseudo-Keynesianism of a cowardly ignoramus.

The basic premise of this struggle common to assorted political desperadoes, from MKs like Shaul Amor who wants to vent his anger after failing to earn a cabi-net post, to Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav who was badly beaten in an illconceived bid for his party's leadership four years ago -- is that only bloated publie spending can belp the poor. The thought that the poor might best be belped by bringing them eloser to a true market economy apparently doesn't even occur to

Levy et al.

Take, for instance, this week's long-overdue decision to de-monopolize local telephone calls.

Phone bills can add up to a sizable portioo of a poor family's spending. Competition helps them, since it results in lower rates. Yet, when Bezeq employees threatened to fight the government's intentioo to make them sweat while the rest of os prosper, Levy, Katsav, Amor and their ilk were simply nowhere to be

An economically knowledgeable, morally consistent and politically bold social lobbyist would have confronted the telephooe company's powerful union and exposed it as the enemy of the poor. The same was true last year, when the social lobbyists were conspicuously absent from the abortive attempt to de-monopolize the Electric Corporation.

Conveniently, our social lobbyists prefer to leave alone the powerful unions that routinely extort wage earners. Instead, they focus on the studious, polite and boyisb-looking Finance Minister Dan

Faced with Meridor's prudent intention to make patients pay a minimal sum when they pay a visit to a doctor, or his plan to

slash children's allowances for those who have fewer than four, the social lobby bysterically calls the proposed budget cuts gezerot, a term originally used to describe Antiochus IV's prohibitions on the practice of Judaism in Judea 2,200 years ago. But Dan Meridor is no Antiochus.

If anything, he is a Maccabee who must do with the budget what the Hasmoneans did with that miraculous oil lamp. Namely, he must make it last longer by taming tax gobblers from Left and Right who have developed intimate relations with the national budget and made it swell to more than half our Gross Domestic Product - as opposed to some 35% in west Europe and less than 20% in the US.

The deficit this year will be nearly 50% higher than the originally planned 2.8% of

Meridor's cuts - which unlike the propaganda campaign waged against him are aimed not at at the poor, but at the middle class, as they should be - can ameliorate

some of this deficit deformity. It is no coincidence that among Katsav, Levy, Amor and the rest of Israel's social lobbyists - all originally bumble, but currently extremely well-paid career politicians - one fails to find even one product of the private sector. They all started off as mayors or union leaders and ended up in the Knesset, in order to eye the cabinet. Netanyahu and Meridor, by eootrast, worked in and were philosophically

shaped by the private sector. No wonder, then, that they are far better acquainted with global economic trends, or that they have a better understanding of how money works, and have a respect for the taxpayer's money that Levy et al. could never comprehend.

# AND THE WORLD FIFTY YEARS SEEMS TO HAVE LEARNED A AFTER THE HOLOCAUST... VALUABLE LESSON. A SWISS BANK A SWISS ACCOUNT IS A SAFEGUARD BANKER! AGAINST ANY THREAT, EXCEPT ONE...

**Dry Bones** 

# A Jewish tradition for separating religion and state

SHLOMO RISKIN

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of separating politics from reli-

gion, and even religion from state.

as is the situation in most Western

a basis for just such a distinction.

tinction existed between the fig-

ures of Moses and Aaron. Moses

is the lawgiver, Aaron's fole as

high priest is specific to the

Temple ritual - sacrifices and

prayer. The leadership of Moses

could not tread upon the domain

These two pillars remained at

the heart of Jewish life throughout

the ages: Moses was king while

Aaron was high priest. It's quite

likely that the institution of a

priesthood distinct from the exec-

utive authority provided an inde-

pendent moral and ethical voice —

protection against a ruler with the

gleam of megalomania in his eyes.

not privileged to participate in the

Temple service helped make him

aware of the boundaries of his

power. The division between the

offices served to protect the

integrity of each, creating a sys-

tem of checks and balances. In

time, the prophet stood together

with the high priest as a charis-

matic spokesman of the Divine

message, beholden neither to fam-

ily lineage nor bureaucratie

Hanukka celebrates the victory

Maimonides, this victory was so

eentral to the survival of the

Jewish religion that even though

the Hasmonean dynasty deteriorated over the generations - the

members turning into the very

Hellenists that their ancestors had

fought - they remain among the

Jewish greats. But according to others, such as Nahmanides, it was

because the Hasmoneans obbter-

ated the distinction between king

and high priest - executive author-

ity and sacerdotal influence - that

they were doomed to disappear.

and eventually end Jewish nation-

The Hasmoneans started out as a.

(founder of the dynasty) and his

five sons would be the revolution-

ary vanguard in toppling the

Greek powers who had defiled the

Temple. But, in the wake of their

military victory, Judah Aristobulus

(the grandchild of Judah

Maccabee) declared himself king

as well as high priest - the begin-

What strikes us about the intro-

ductory paragraph of Maimonides's Laws of Hanukka

(Ch.3, 1) is that after describing

the period during the Second

Temple when the Greeks ruled

over Israel, Maimonides effective-

ly praises the Hasmoneans, "for

the Hasmonean family of high

priests were victorious, in which

they slew the Greek-Syrians and

rescued Israel from their bands,

and they established a king from

their priests, and the kingship was

restored to Israel for a period of

al sovereignty.

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The very fact that the king was

of Aaron.

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Syrians.

F I suggested that it is inappropriate for the American Jewish Congress to invite Louis Farrakhan to be the keynote speak-

er at its annual convention, would you accuse me of seeking to muzzle free speech?

If I also told the American Jewish Committee that Jews for Jesus's "rabbi" Moshe Rosen was an unfortunate choice to be keynote speaker at its conference on "Whither American Jewry?" would you accuse me of "keeping a blacklist of those who are forbidden to address American Jewish audiences"?

That is precisely the accusation the New York Times's veteran, inveterate Israelbasher Thomas L. Friedman, leveled against Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's adviser, David Bar-Illan. The alleged muzzling consists in suggesting that in view of Friedman's "lack of consideration for Israel's security needs, it is inappropriate for an organization that considers itself Zionist to give him a platform" (New York Forward, November 29; Yediot Aharonot, December 4; and The Jerusalem

Post, December 5 and 6). The organization in question is the Anti-Defamation League, who invited Friedman to address its Los Angeles regional chapter's annual dinner-dance this past Sunday. What in Friedman's record disqualifies

him as a keynote speaker or any kind of featured speaker at a meeting of Jews who are not anti-Zionist? In his best-selling autobiographical book

From Beirut to Jerusalem, Friedman elaims he believed in Israel until, as a jouroalist in Lebanoo in 1982, during "Operation Peace for Galilee," he "experienced something of a personal crisis... The Israel I met on the outskirts of Beirut was oot the heroie Israel I had been taught to identify with."

In fact, as a student at Brandeis University, when even he conceded that the PLO was a terrorist gang, he was an outMOSHE KOHN

Thomas Friedman's metaphor

spoken supporter of the "Palestinian" Arab cause. As a member of the steering committee of the "Middle East Peace Group," he co-signed an "open letter" in the November 12, 1974, issue of The Brandeis Justice, denouncing the American Jewish community for opposing Yasser Arafat's pistol-packing appearance at the United Nations, scheduled for the next day, and declaring the issue of "Palestinian self-determination" to be "one of the central issues blocking peace in the Middle East." He does not mention this in his autobiog-

He bas accused Israel of "demonizing" the Arabs of Eretz Yisrael (the Post, March

In his view, "Israelis are getting a bad press because they deserve it" (the Post, March 1, 1988). In his book he describes Israel as "Yad

Vashem with an air force." These are just a few examples of where

Friedman's sympathies lie. On the other hand, when his car was stoned by Arab boys in Jerusalem during the intifada, he ejaculated: "If I bad a gun I would have killed them all" (the Post,

April 19, 1991). Yet Abraham Foxman, ADL oational director, told the Forward he was "proud" to host Friedman, whom he described as "a responsible, knowledgeable and incisive commentator on the [Middle East] whose opinions are always expressed within the context of support for the State of Israel." By the way, how do you "muzzle" a man whose column appears in some 500 American newspapers?

EIGHT AND a half years ago Friedman, then the Times's Jerusalem bureau chief, showed me directly his approach to civil

discourse. On June 29, 1988, in a talk at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, be metaphorized the "Palestine problem" as follows: The Israeli Jews are like a man who enters a New York subway car and grabs the last available seat. A little blind old lady enters the car and stands in front of him. He buries his face in The Daily News. A fracas ensues in which other passengers get shoved off their seats.

The next day I wrote him a "metaphori-

"As it happens." I wrote, I was in that subway car. That man who "grabbed" the "last seat" is my brother, and that was the last seat because most of the passengers sprawled in their seats and some had even put their coats and packages on seats beside them, refusing to move over or put their effects in their laps to make room for my brother and others. And my brother barely managed to squeeze into that space in the far corner.

When the blind lady boarded the car through the center door, the seats around the door bappened to be occupied by some of her ehildren and nephews and nieces. These not only did not make room for her, but they even shoved her towards the end of the ear where my brother was sitting, and planted her right in front of him, even planting the tip of her cane on his toe.

"As for his burying his face in The Daily News - someone shoved the paper in his face just as he was about to try to shift to make room for ber. I guess that's the point where you boarded the car, which is why you thought my brother had buried his face in the newspaper. It was in the course of the fracas that followed, with my brother

trying to defend himself against the blind little old lady's children and nephews and nieces, that a few of those closest to him got shoved off their seats."

Friedman, two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, replied in a letter dated July 6: "Your letter to me was so stupid that I don't know wby I should bother responding... You... should have focused on something else I said: that Arabs and Israelis remind me of people in a hospital who meet together each day in the lobby and each one can only talk about his own... pain. That is clearly you.

"You are so obsessed with your own pain that you cannot admit any other voices. Israel... is in its present predicament precisely because of people such as yourself... Pardon me for suggesting a way in which Israel might unitate ally improve its security and its chances for peace ... '

NEWSPAPER beadlines are supposed to reflect, at least bint at, the contents of the story underneath. But the headline writer at London's daily Independent (November 21) apparently got carried away by his anti-Israel bias in handling a story by their Jerusalem eorrespoodent, Patrick Cockburn, on the incident of the video showing two Border Police men bumiliating Arab workers.

The headline is accurate: "Vision of brutality leaves Israel in shock." But cootrary to the facts, reported by Cockburn, the overline said: "Jerusalem violeoce: Amateur video of soldiers beating two men to death condemned as 'debumanization of Palestinians."

No one was beaten to death in that inei-

The caption under the accompanying photo also got it wrong: "Mass reaction: Sopporters of the Islamic group, Hamas, march in Nablus yesterday in bonor of the killed Palestinians and the amateur video of the attack by two Israeli soldiers."

T TE often hear from varimore than 200 years - until the destruction of the Second ous secular leaders in Israel about the necessity Temple."

There is no indication in the Maimonidean description of any judgmental position. If anything, it would seem that the great codidemocracies. It is fascinating that fier and philosopher was so apprewithin the Jewish tradition there is ciative of Jewish national sover-Long before the Israelites reached the Promised Land, a diseignty that he accepted it in any form it came.

Maimonides's position seems to contradict Jacob's blessing of Judah: "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet..." (Gen. 49:10). From this verse it seems that kingship is exclusive to

flic bribe of Judah. Maimonides explains, however, that the verse doesn't mean to forbid a king from a tribe other than Judah, After all, Saul was from Benjamin, and God gave him His imprimatur. The verse is merely telling us that once the kingship is given to the tribe of Judah it will be eternal. But on a temporary

basis; kings can come from other tribes. But Nahmanides has a different view. In his opinion, the blessing of kingship which Jacob bestowed upon Judah obviated any possibility that a member of the priestly family would become king. He holds that the Hasmoneans were punished precisely because they merged the two institutions of monarchy and priesthood.

The Talmud itself addresses this issue when it records a comment of Yebudah ben Gedidyah to Alexander Yannai, the Hasmonean king who ruled for 27 years, to the effect that the Hasmoneans had no right to arrogate to themselves both pillars of Jewish leadership. (B.T. Kedushin 66a)

How are we to understand the idea of kingship and priesthood in modern terms?

It would be beneficial to relate to the king as the chief executive of Jewish life - albeit with a profound appreciation for, and hopefully even knowledge of, Jewish law. Such executive leadership must bear in mind the new conditions of each generation, with its scientific, military, psychological and political realities, and on that basis come to relevant decisions. For this reason, the Bible insists priestly family, which makes it understandable why Mattathias that difficult issues be decided by the "judge who shall be in those days" (Deur. 17:8-11).

The high priest has an altogether different function. His task is to link the Jewish present to the Jewish past, to bring the weight of Jewish tradition and Jewish morality to bear on Jewish government. The rabbinic-ethical voice must be perceived as the eternal word of God, free of any political blandishments. In this sense, the chief rabbis of Israel must remain independent, not in any way beholden to prime minister or

On Hanukka we light eight distinct lights rather than increasing one flame eightfold. The essence of the Jewish people is the distinct light of each. Each one must burn distinctly; each candle adding its own distinct contribution to the menora which is Israel.

`Shabbat Shalom

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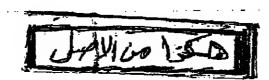
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# From worse to verse

E didn't know of many places in the world where the finance minister, in the midst of a budgetary crisis, would make himself available to read a poem, said Israel Radio's Dr. Shmuel Hoppert, who was the MC this week at a poetry-reading marathon to mark the centenary of the birth of prophetic poet, politician and Israel Prize literature laureate Uri Zvi Greenberg. Not only did Dan Meridor join scores of other Greenberg admirers, who gathered at the Hehrew University's Belgium House for the occasion, but he stayed around for a third of the six-hour evect to listen to other readers who included such well known literary personalities as Aliza Greenberg Tur Malka, Aharon Megged, Moshe Shamir, Ya'acov Orland, Natan Youatan and Anita

Shapira. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahn and Labor leader Shimon Peres, both of whom were unable to attend, videotaped their contributions, whereas Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, whose ministry together with the Information Center cohosted the event, made neither a personal nor a video appearance even though he was listed on the

WHEN EGYPTIAN ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny called Zvi Mazel, Israel's ambassador-designate to Egypt, to inform him that he had a green light to Cairo. he also insisted on hosting a farewell party for him. With only two weeks in which to sandwich in the celebration of his 33rd wedding anniversary, brush up on his Arabic, clear up his desk at the Foreign Ministry and take his

leave of relatives and friends, Mazel was hard pressed. But on Wednesday, he managed to make it from Jerusalem to Herzliya Pituah, where Bassiouny presided solo over the luncheon because his wife Nagwa is currently in

Moshe Sasson, who was Israel's second ambassador to Egypt, former Foreign Ministry director general Dave Kimche, MK Sallah Tarif and Delta president Dov Lautman, who has set up a manufacturing plant in Egypt, were amongst those present. US ambassador Martin Indyk, who arrived late, told Mazel that Ned Walker, his opposite number in Cairo, was eagerly awaiting Mazel's arrival and would work closely with him.

Responding to Bassiouny's wish that his mission will be one of "peace and frieodship," Mazel noted that for him his return to Egypt was not just political but personal. He and his wife Michelle and their three children spent nearly four years in Egypt as members of the first Israeli diplomatic mission there.

METHINKS THOU dost protest too much, the Bard would have told Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu had he been present to hear his address at the opening of the Empire of the Sultans exhibition at the Israel Museum. Punctuating his speech with claims that he did not want to confuse politics with art, Netanyahu went on to make a number of political statements to the effect that Israel has no quarrel with Islam, but only friendship and respect; and that none of the problems between Israel and her neighbors are insoluble.

**GREER FAY CASHMAN** 



Russian Ambassador Bovin was all decked out when he first presented credentials here in 1991.

WHAT WAS more interesting, however, was a little scenario played oot between Netanyahu, Jerusalem Mayor Ebud Olmert. and billionaire collector and philanthropist David Khalili, through whose generosity the exhibition was made possible. In naming Khalili a Trustee of the City of Jerusalem, Olmert termed him "a great benefactor of the City of Jerusalem," hut said that at Khalili's request, be would not detail the extent of his largesse. In the course of his address, he also made pointed remarks about why the government should support the Israel Museum, whereupon Netanyahu quipped "you have to say this to me in a budget week?"
"When else hut io a budget week?" retorted Olmert.

At the close of the ceremony, Netanyahu again approached the microphone to announce an anonymous \$40 million bequest to the museum for which the government is paying the VAT. Khalili may not be that anonymous donor, but the timing of the announcement in tandem with his being conferred with Jerusalem's highest honor was just a little too coincidental.

SOME CONCEPTS die hard. JB Jewelers general manager Gabi Peleg, at the opening of the com-pany's Faberge exhibition, wel-comed Dr. Anatoly L. Yurkov and referred to him as the representative of the embassy of the Soviet Union. Yurkov. who serves as Second Secretary at the Russian Embassy, was quick to update him. Speaking in excellent Hebrew, Yurkov said, "When you mention Fabergé, it evokes in every Russian soul a nostalgia for times gone by which unfortunatewill not return." Nonetheless Yurkov was hopeful that the art and the past glory of Fabergé would return to Russia. Business, after all, is business.

THE NEWS that Michael Bogdanov may be Russia's second amhassador to Israel had some people harking back to December 23, 1991, when Alexander Bovin, the first Soviet ambassador to Israel since June 1967, presented his credentials to then president Chaim Herzog. It was one of the rare occasions that the casually elad Bovin wore not only a tie, but the official gold embroidered suit of a Soviet ambassador. His was the final

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diplomatic appointment by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze. On January 1, 1992, Bovin was no longer a Soviet envoy, but the Russian ambassador. It will be interesting to see whether his successor will also arrive in a gold-braided suit.

"EVERY ACTION, even a fraction, makes a difference," sang David Broza to an enthusiastic Israeli audience. For UNICEF's Goodwill Ambassador for the Performing Arts and his wife Ruth, their appearance at the UNICEF event at the Tel Aviv Sheraton was a combination of pride and nostalgia. Broza, the singing troubadour, who a year ago wrote the official UNICEF 50th anniversary song Together, performed it in Israel for the first time. The venue was rather significant, since it was at the Sheraton that he met his future wife, who was then the star of the hotel's advertising campaign "we would-n't be ruthless." Their marriage 18 years ago also took place at the hotel. Although they would have liked to, the couple didn't take the honeymoon suite on this occasion. They flew back to New York to celebrate the last night of Hanukka with their three children.

HOLLYWOOD STARS and wannabes have long been keeping cosmetic surgeons in business. and some have started at a very early age. Sarah Gilbert, who plays the ugly-duckling tomboyish younger daughter in Roseanne, had her nose straightened and bobbed when she was only 16, and at 21 shows swan-like signs of being a classic beauty. Her older sister, Melissa, who for several years captivated television viewers in her role as Laura in Little House on the Prairie, also underwent a nose job. But neither can compete with Tori Spelling, the 21-year-old daughter of mega producer Aaron Spelling, who has thus far had lip and breast enhancements which were really superfluous. Nature had already done well by Tori, but she wanted to go one better.

AS RESTAURANTS increasingly become non-smoking territory, roving-eye British heart-throb Hugh Grant and his live-in super model Elizabeth Hurley, who is into making a celluloid career of her own, find it difficult to dine out. The gorgeous Hurley is a heavy smoker who can't go too long without a puff. So far, the couple have discovered only two Hurley can indulge her habit.

# All the hot air that fits, they air

THE WEEK THAT WAS MICHAL YUDELMAN

N a dramatic and unprecedented maneuver that set media analysts abuzz, the prime minister and finance minister commandeered the prime-time news editions of both television channels Sunday night for what purported to be a news conference" on the budget.

A prime-time news conference given by a prime minister is to announce, er, news, right? Wrong. Anyone who used in for a dramatic or informative policy announcement, on the budget cuts for example, was sorely disappointed. As Netanyahu and Meridor droned on about how important the budget cans are, and called for "your

understanding and support, dawned on horrified editors that they were screening as news what, at best, was a party political broadcast, and, at worst, was a dollop of PR reacle.

The "news conference" had as much news content as the publicrelations faxes that fill the trash cans of news editors across the nation at that time of night.

Whatever minor media interest lurked within was exposed by those who said the prime minister was addressing not the media or the nation, but those ministers and coalition MKs who had threatened to oppose the budget cuts in child allowances, education, health ser-

vices, and pension allocations. "I do hope the ministers had been instructed to watch the television," said cynical former finance minister Avraham Shohat.

Shohat predicted that whatever Netanyahu says, there will be tax hikes - since the government has no power to approve the budget as it Others challenged Netanyahu's other rosy picture of foreign investors lining up to invest in Israel, with more ready to pour in after budget cuts.

In fact, foreign interest in Israel is a dead duck. Media and Internet business information services on Israel are folding up across Europe and the US. "I couldn't even raise interest in Israel in New York since May," said a major Internet publisher in Europe as he closed down his Israeli operation last week.

DR. BIBI AND MR. HIDE

"It's not nice to agree on one thing abroad and then go home and say something else," said Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak after recovering his composure on hearing that Israel had spurned an initiative for his foreign minister, Amr Moussa, to mediate in the peace

An indignant Mobarak said the initiative had not come from him but had been agreed in his personal conversation with Netanyahu and followed up in Netanyaho's meeting with Amr Moussa in Lisbon.

Deja-vu, said parliamentarians recalling the enthusiastic reports from Netanyahn's people after his first Washington summit with President Bill Clinton, Yasser Arafat, and King Hussein. Reports of the meeting with Hussein were the most glowing.

Then it slipped out that Hussein

had said some extremely harsh things to Netanyahu and warned him that everything gained in the peace process was about to be lost, Last week. Netanyahu returned from the European Union miling descriptions of the trip as a diplomatic triumph by the prime minister The observations of Europe's sophisticated leaders were somewhat different - not just those sharp ones of French President Jacques Chirac. In a fair but frosty editorial The Irish Times concluded after Netanyahu's visit to Dublin, the cur-

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rent presidency capital of the EU,

that his words were "encouraging

but not convincing."

While Netanyahu was attempting to ply his political charm on the lrish, who are already renowned for the real thing, his wife took the opportunity to display her knowledge in a country also famed for its arts and learning.

She joined the Irish prime minister's wife, Finoula Bruton, on a trip to the Jewish Museum in Dublin's Portobello district, for some lessons on the history of the Irish Jewish community.

"I didn't know there was a Jewish museum in Ireland," mused Mrs. Netanyahu at the museum. Maybe the prime minister's wife, or his Foreign Ministry staff, should see to it that she does know such things.

Especially since Duhlin gave Israel a president, Chaim Herzog, and the mainly Catholic capital has elected two Jewish Lord Mayors for itself since independence. The museum was converted from a synagogue, founded in 1918, in honor of a 1977 homecoming state visit by President Herzog.

Stanley Siev, head of the museum committee, told Sarah there once had been nine synagogues in Ireland but now there are only three.

"Why?" The Irish Times quoted her as asking. "Do they not pray any more?"

No, Sarah - but half the former community of 5,000 have made aliya and are thriving in Israel.

On one point, at least, Sarah was able to enlighten her hosts on . Jewish culture as she explained a ketuba on display: "It doesn't work if the woman leaves - the man can survive. But in the past when women didn't have jobs, if the man left them they had nothing, so this was to protect them." "You see," Netanyahu informed the Irish, "women's rights are explicit in the Bible." That may be as new to Israeli women as it was to the Irish.

It is to be hoped Mrs. Netanyahu learned more from Ireland - the only European country which has the rights of its Jews explicitly written into its constitution - than the Irish learned from her.

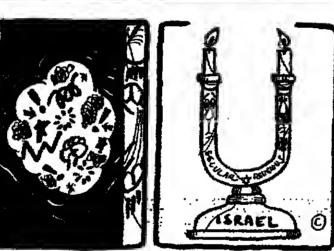
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# CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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university in lasar development (7) 12 Voice used in cathedral

today? (4) 13 An improvement on the

other hand (5)
14 Watchful of road running

through track (4) 17 Exceptionally colourful gatherer in fall, wandering (6,4,4)

19 End motorway thrill with

short note (14) 22 Hints picked up by potters 28 Handling guns, one is taken to pieces (5) 24 Clipping marsh-bird (4) tail

27 Many cardinals are certain

of reproof (7) 28 Men who oppress women

live on board (7) 29 Praise from Louis? Gee!

that is unusual! (8) 30 Singer's in the way (5)

DOWN

1 Easily-carried effective? (8)

2 Arresting hot-rod driver (7)

3 "Blithe Spirit" not to open?

5 In this, men are all the same (14)

6 A pitcher? (4) 7 Girl to head personnel —this is women's work (7)

8 Early broadcast (5) 9 Impact diminished over headland—astronauts experience it (14)

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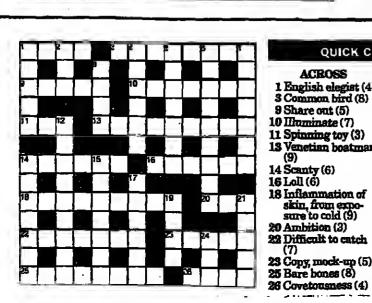
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QUICK CROSSWORD ACROSS 1 Bud, implant (5)

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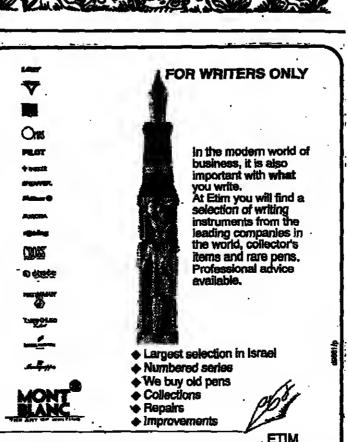
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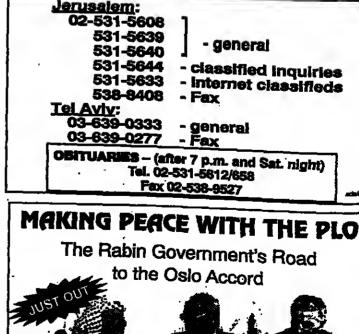
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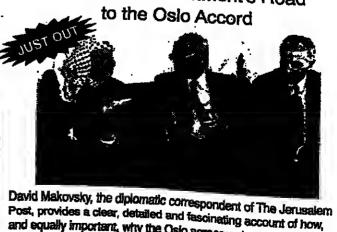






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# Gov't won't meet December deadline for privatization plan

**DAVID HARRIS** 

FIVE mooths after the establishment of the government, the list of companies to be privatized has yet to be finalized, Prime Minister's Office director-general Moshe Leon said this week.

After having confirmed the list would be made public by the first week in December, Leon admitted it only will be ready "in the coming weeks." The Prime Minister's Office

has said the reason for the delay is the heavy workload on the diplomatic froot, with talks oo the Hebron redeployment cootinuing far looger than anyone expected. However, this is oot the first

delay in announcing which companies will be sold to the private sector next year, and during the rest of the coalition's term in office.

Initially, the government was talking about some form of announcement during its first 100 days in office. In late Joly, for example, a special cabinet meeting to discuss reform proposals was delayed because of protracted negotia-

It also took Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu longcr than expected to move responsibility for privatization from the Treasury to his own office and then to recruit the relevant

Zvi Alderoti, former direc-tor-general of the Prime Minister's Office, was asked to head an embryonic privati-zation authority." However, Alderoti, a Labor Party member who served as Yitzhak 's and Shimon Peres' director-general, decided not to work with the new govern-

same time, Αt Companies Government Authority head Tamar Ben-David resigned, saying she objected to the authority being moved from the Treasury to the Prime Minister's Office. However, a source said at the time it was more likely she quit because of the speed with which Netanyabu intended ploughing ahead with the privatization program.

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# Current account deficit up 34%

ISRAEL'S current-account deficit grew by 34 percent in the first nine months of the year, totaling \$4.7 billion, the Central Bureau of

Statistics announced yesterday.

During the corresponding period last year the current-account deficit, or the gap between imports and exports of goods, services and unilateral transfers, stood at \$3.5b.

Excluding defense-related merchandise, imports were \$8.2b. more than exports, as opposed to \$7b. in 1995.

Meanwhile, the economy's overall external

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debt during the first three quarters rose by \$1.5b., while Israeli-held assets abroad dropped by \$1.6b.

Total external debt, after deduction of \$25.3b. Israeli-beld assets abroad, reached \$21.3b. as of September 30.

Foreign investments in Israel grew during the January-September period by \$300 million to \$1.6b., while Israeli investments overseas rose by more than 50%, from \$0.5b., to \$0.8b.

Imports of goods and services totaled \$31.9b. in the first three quarters, up from \$29.2b. during the same period last year.

Imports grew mainly due to accelerated civilian imports, which expanded by \$1.2b. Exports of goods and services totaled \$22.5b. in the nine-month period, \$1.3b. more than in

the first three quarters last year. Unilateral transfers, which consist of foreign aid and private donations, rose by \$400m. dur-ing the first three quarters, totaling \$4.8b.

# Akirov buys Takam House for \$12m.

**GALIT LIPKIS BECK** 

REAL estate developer Alfred Akirov has purchased the Takam (United Kibbutz Movement) building in Tel Aviv for S12 million. in an attempt to repay some of their

large debts to the banking sector. The building was acquired through Adsha Promotion of Projects in Tel Aviv, a subsidiary of Adsha, which is cootrolled by Akirov.

The four-story Takam building is simated on a 2,574 sq.m. plot. The building consists of 5,000 sq.m. of office space as well as a basement and roof floor. According to the transaction, Adsha will also receive building rights on another, 742.69

The transaction is subject to the approval of Adsha's board of directors. El'Rov Israel, Adsha's parent company, bas agreed to purchase the building via another subsidiary if Adsha's board objects to the transaction.

El'Rov also signed an agreement with Hilton International whereby Hilton will manage its eight-story. 300-room, five-star hotel in the commercial area. The El'Rov group has already started development of the hotel, at a total investment of \$35 million. The hotel, which will cover 20,000 sq.m., is scheduled to open in three years and has received a 25 percent funding grant.

The kibbutzim sold the building

In other news, El'Rov has signed an agreement to purchase the Ladbroke Group's rights to the commercial area in Jerusalem's Mamilla section for \$3.65m. According to the agreement El Roy will acquire Ladbroke's 50% share, increasing its total share to 100%.

### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

Iran says Moslem trade group to meet in Turkey: Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said yesterday a Group of Eight Moslem nations would meet in Turkey next month to discuss economic cooperation. He said the group comprising Nigeria, Egypt. Turkey, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Malaysia, Indonesia and Iran have had two meetings so far. Velayati said there were good opportunities in such areas as energy, and cottoo from Central Asia, including production, transportation and the development of textile factories. Velayati said Iran had developed air, rail and shipping links with Central Asia and the Caucasus, and was a good transit point for movements to and from those areas.

Iraq launches tender to buy wheat from France: Iraq has launched a tender in the grain market to import 100,000 tons of French wheat during January and February, grain traders in Paris said yesterday. Grain markets had been waiting for a move to buy wheat as Iraq prepares to sell limited quantities of oil under a UNapproved scheme to raise money for food and medicine. Reuter

Police break up protests over US modified grain: Police moved in to break up two separate demonstrations in Europe yesterday against genetically altered grain from the United States. In Hamburg they dispersed a Greenpeace demonstration against maize going to the Czecb Republic while oo the Rhine, officers ejected activists trying to stop soybeans going to Switzerland. The protests were the latest of several in recent weeks against modified feed grain. The cargo on the ship Huta Katowice, originating in the US, is believed to contain modified maize, which is not yet allowed to be imported into the European Union:

# IEC raises record \$600m. in US bonds

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE Israel Electric Corporation yesterday announced it has raised \$600 million in an overseas offering of debentures. This is the largest private offering ever carried out by an Israeli company.

The capital was raised at the end of a nine-day road show in six cities in the US, headed by IEC .chairman Gad Ya'acobi and general manager Rafi Peled.

IEC is the country's main producer and supplier of electricity. The proceeds of the offering will be used to belp finance the compaoy's development plans for the oext three years, which amount to about NIS 4.5 billion per year. The debentures were purchased

by large American institutional investors through underwriters led by Lehman Brothers. Solomoo Brothers served as the secondary underwriter, while the Bank of New York was the trustee for the

IEC offered debentures for 10. 30 and 100 years. This is the first time debentures for 100 years were offered. The concept was initiated by Lehman Brothers, which was in charge of marketing the loog term debeotures,

spokesperson for Lehman Brothers said.

The company said it had initially intended to raise \$400m., 50% less than the actual amount raised, IEC said.

This is an important breakthrough for the Electric Corporation and a show of confidence in the company by the largest capital market in the world," IEC said in a press

IEC said that the offering has opened up to the company the US market and also the European market.

Prior to the offering, Standard & Poor's, the international rating company, and Moody's Investors Service gave IEC a rating of A and A3 respectively, similar to the State of Israel's rating. The rating indicates that IEC is a credible company with a solid financial base, IEC said.

The debentures carry a coupon of 7.277% for 10 years, which is similar to those carried by the bonds issued by the Bank of Israel. The coupoo on the 30-year bonds is 7.914% and on the 100year bonds, 8.114%.

# Telecom pact seen closer after WTO talks

Environment Minister Rafael Eitan examines Finitzia America-Israel's new \$4 million air-filtra-

tion system, which was unveiled yesterday. Company president Oded Tirah (left) said the Nazareth Illit factory has invested some \$6.5m. in environmental measures.

SINGAPORE - Senior trade officials said yesterday that talks in Singapore on basic telecommunications had given a major impetus to an effort to shape a global pact in the \$500 billion-a-year industry by next February's deadline. The officials, from different countries involved in the long-running discussions, said a final accord would almost certainly oow hang on whether the US was happy with packages put up by Asian coun-

"In my view, there are oow really strong grounds for optimism," said one key figure at the center of the negotiations, which are to resume at the World Trade Organization headquarters in Geneva early in 1997.

Peter Guilford, spokesman for Union Trade Commissioner Sir Leon Brittan, told reporters at the WTO's first Ministerial Conference a US-EU

led deal on information technology. products (IT) was a good omen.
"We hope it will be a spur to." encourage countries to be generous in their offers on telecommunications, which is the other big harvest we are looking for," he told reporters.

Much of the equipment to be covered in the IT deal - which will remove all tariffs in the sector by the year 2000 if enough other countries sign up - is used in telecoms. A US official was noncommittal

deal had improved. "We will have to see in February whether there is a good enough critical mass of offers on the table," he said. "But there are interesting

on how far prospects for a telecom

The US pulled out of an earlier WTO bid to reach a pact by the end of April this year, saying proposals from big emerging economies on opening their market were not enough to make it worthwhile. But the talks were resumed in the summer and given a kick-start last mooth when Washington and Brussels - at odds on several telecom issues - put up new packages which they said largely met each others' concerns.

Diplomats and officials at the WTO's first Ministerial Conference - where the telecom issue has been a major backstage topic for negotiators - said they were especially encouraged by a shift announced by Singapore. The conference bost said on Wednesday it would now commit itself to opening up its telecoms market to all-comer competition by the end of the century seven years sooner than originally proposed and a two-year advance

# Discount offering underwriters selected **GALIT LIPKIS BECK**

THE government has appointed four Israeli brokerage firms as the lead underwriters for the public offering of Bank Discount's shares, a government source said

MI Holdings, the state-owned firm in charge of the sale, has appointed Clal Issuers, IBI, Leader Issues and Eyal Securities to head the consortium of local underwriters. Their appointment marks the first step towards carrying out the

offering.

Bank Discount's offering is scheduled for the end of February 1997, based on the bank's financial statements for the third quarter of 1996. The government intends to raise between NIS 100 million and NIS 150m. on the Tel Aviv Stock

Bank Discount has decided to raise, concurrently with the government's offering, up to NIS 300m. by issuing subordinated capital notes to the public. The issue is intended to expand Bank Discount's operational base and improve its capital rado.

Several weeks ago, MI Holdings requested that Bank Discount assist it in publishing a prospectus. MI Holdings has not yet announced the quantity of shares to be offered to the public.

Uolike Bank Discount's previous offering, all of Bank Discount's shares will be offered on the local market. lo early

March, the government offered the public 73.5m. shares, more than half of which were snapped up by European institutional investors through underwriters led by Lehman Brothers. The sale reduced the government's share in Discount Bank to 72 percent from

Bank Discount completed the third quarter of 1996 with a net profit of NIS \$1.6m., up 48.8% from the third quarter of 1995. The bank reported a oet profit of NIS 217.7m. for the first nine months of the year, up 11% compared with the corresponding period last year. In the nine month period, net return on equity on an annual basis reached 7.7%, compared with 7.4% for all of 1995.

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# Stocks steady as traders watch budget debate

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STOCKS were little ebanged yesterday as optimism the gov-ernment will be able to eut spending was offset by concern the balance-of-payments deficit

was growing.

Companies elosing unchanged included Koor Industries and Teva Pharmaceutical.

Koor's American depositary receipts were up 1/8 at 16 7/8 in early trading in New York. Teva's ADRs were up 1/2 at 46 3/4. The Maof Index rose 0.02 percent to 214.95, and the Twosided Index gained 0.24% to

206.89. The general bond index was unchanged. The Maof Index fell 0.7% this week and the Two-sided Index

rose 0.3%. Of 973 shares trading across the exchange, nearly six shares fell for every five that rose. Some NIS 90.4 million of shares changed hands, NIS 15m. below Wednesday's level.

The market is positive about the budget, about a possible agreement with the Palestinians and lower interest rates," said Gidi Halpern, a portfolio man-

Macf Index ager at Tel Aviv investment firm

Menay. If the government succeeds in cutting spending, the Bank of Israel is expected to reduce interest rates. In the weeks ahead. parliament's finance committee will debate and may make changes.

"There's a feeling that (Bank of Israel Gov. Jacob Frenkel) will lower rates at the end of January if the Knesser approves the budget," said Halpern.
The central bank's monetary

policy is also likely to be influenced by November's CPI, due for release Sunday after trading

Expectations range around an increase of 0.5% to 0.7% in the bica Halpern. Inflationary expectations for the year ahead have risen recently from about 9.5% to 10%, he

Halpern added that investors were concerned about how US stocks would perform in days ahead. "I thought today's trading would be worse because of the U.S.," he said. (Bloomberg)

# Eurobourses little changed, pressured by unpredictable Dow

**World Market Report** 

LONDON (Reuter) European stocks were dragged down in late trading yesterday by a volatile Wall Street which quickly shed early gains in a bout of profit-taking.

European bourses had an unsettled day, with most seeing their gains croded at the close after spurting forward wben weaker-than-expected US retail sales figures allayed fears of an

imminent rise in interest rates. Nervous investors throughout the day kept a wary eye on New York, where the Dow Industrial average has risen nearly 30 per-eent this year. Many believed a

downturn was overdue. When Wall Street, which made a positive start on the subdued inflationary pressure report. suddenly turned sour and fell. European bourses got the jitters. London, one of the strongest elimbers, was up 0.7% at one point, only to see its advance eaten away. It ended the day

barely in the plus column. After rising 27 points at one stage, the FTSE 100 closed just 8.2 points higher at 3,990.7. British Gas, BAT and AB Foods were among the biggest gainers as investors went year-end bargain-bunting.

in Frankfurt, the 1815 that measures computerized trading climbed by 0.7% after the US data eased interest-rate fears, but the index slipped back to show a gain of only 0.4% at the finish.

The 30-share DAX index up 6.03 at 2,847.03.

In Paris, stocks made a modest advance by midafternoon, then retreated to a slight loss at the finish. The CAC-40 share index finished down 1.17 at 2,212.11. On the currency front, the dol-

lar ended the European session comfortably above 1.54 marks and 113 yen as the prospects for agreement on an EU stability pact improved.

# Dow stocks continue tumble **Wall Street Report**

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks were pounded lower yesterday by aggressive selling from investors, who chose to book profits even after fresh indications that the economy is growing moderately and inflation is in check.

At the close on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 98.81 to 6,303.71. Twothirds of the losses came in the last hour of trading. Declining issues outnumbered advancers by 9 to 5 on the New York Stock Exchange. NYSE volume totaled 492.76 million shares, vs. 494.19 million in the previous session.

The Standard and Poor's 500stock index fell 11.42 to 729.31. and the NYSE's composite index fell 5.25 to 384.29.

The Nasdaq composite index declined 10.80 to 1,298.32, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index fell 4.81 to 579.11.

Stocks started the day higher after three encouraging economic reports, but the rally was over in the first hour.

Investors are jittery about a host of issues, beginning with last

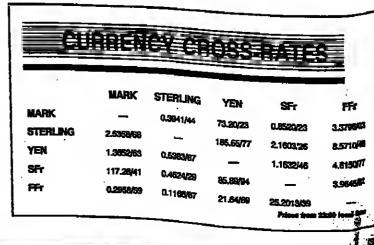
week's statement by Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan that stocks were in the throes of "irrational exuberance."

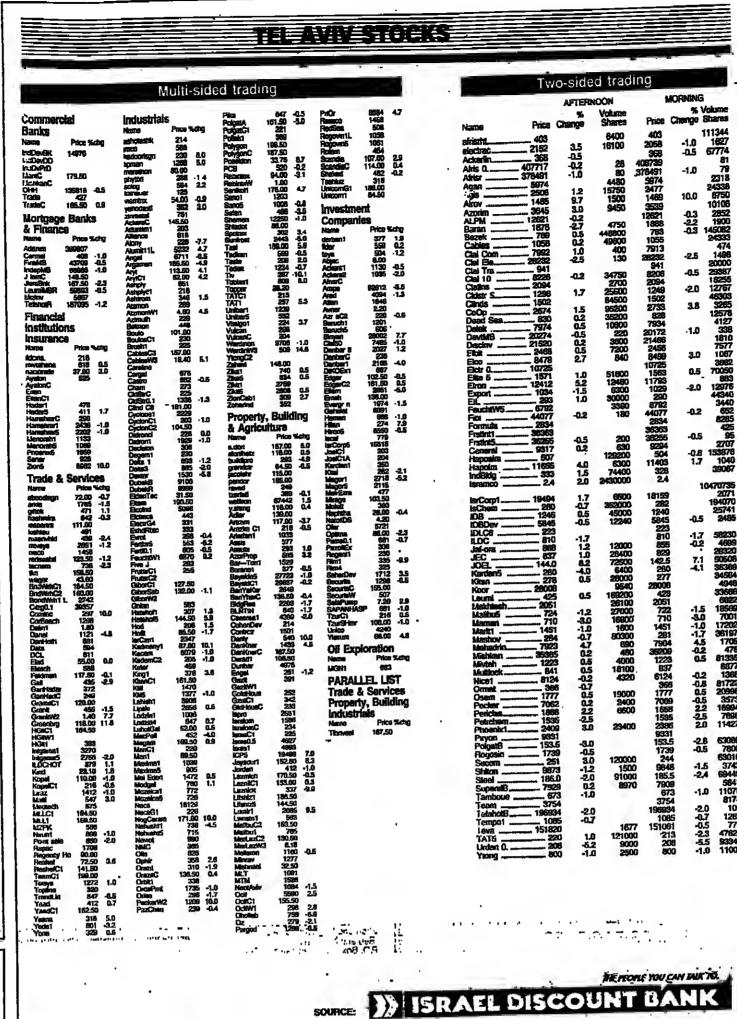
Some experts said Greenspan was trying to talk the market lower, and may even be preparing to increase interest rates, if not this month then after the first of the

Earlier this week, there were reports that Japanese investors. who have been crucial participants in the United States bond market. may withdraw their support. More important to the stock market were anecdotal indications US.mutual fund investors may be lightening up on US stocks.

Investors concentrated their selfing in names that are showing strong recent returns. The Dow industrials were led lower by Philip Morris, down sharply after a strong gain on Wednesday. McDonalds fell sharply as well.

But computer-related stocks were mixed, with some benefiting for the second day from an entipsiastic reception by analysts at 4 conference in San Francisco. Intel was up more than 2 points.





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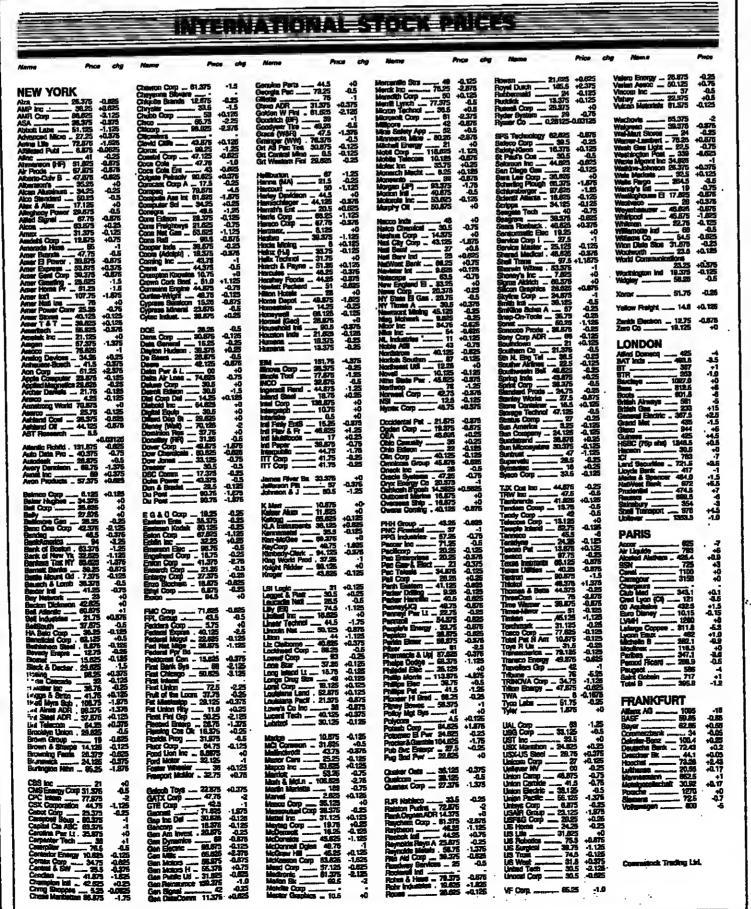
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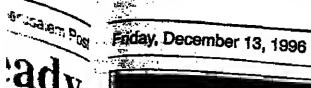
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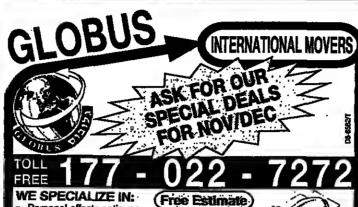


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The recommendations on the agenda include the establishment of a special committee to research the "imbalance in services and facilities in the Arab sector compared to the Jewish sector" and recommend actions to be taken to press the community's demands

for full equality. Steps that will be discussed at the conference are: calls for staging a strike of the education service; demonstrations; legal action; and other measures, that could lead up to a general strike of the entire Arab community.

Civil and human rights leaders

from abroad are slated to speak at the conference, which is being organized by the forum of Arab Council Heads and other bodies. No cabinet members or other government officials have been invit-

The conference will deal with all the problems in the Arab sector: local council budgets; education; welfare and health services; Wakf property; land ownership; property tax; unrecognized villages and so on," said Dr. Hanna Swaid, head of the organizing

The other aim of the conference is to establish dynamics and means for continuing the struggle for achieving full equality for Arab citizens and attaining this end," said Swaid, who heads the Eilabun Local Council in Galilee.

"Nobody argues about the fact that the Arabs, who represent 20 percent of the population, are in a much worse situation than their Jewish counterparts as a result of being neglected for 48 years.

that situation by bringing the level of all services and infrastructure, budgets and so forth, up to the level of those in the Jewish sector and ensure that Arabs have full equality," he added.

The conference is to coincide with a strike by Arab local council heads, who have pitched a protest tent opposite the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem to press the government to raise council budgets and consolidate debts totalling over NIS 400 million which have been accumulated over the years by the 53 Arab local authorities.

"This conference, which has taken two years to prepare, raises a lot of expectations within the Arab population," said Dr. Elie Rekhess, head of the Arab politics program at Tel Aviv University's Dayan Center.

"It may definitely mark a new phase in the relationship between the Arab minority and the authorities, heading towards the prospect of growing tension and even con-frontation," Rekhess said.

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Through the years Generali attempted to recoup its assets from the Czech regime, eventually amassing by 1988 the current-day equivalent of \$8,453,497.

This sum of money, it is claimed by Mor's grandson Martin Stern, should be used to pay out claims such as those of his late grandfather's.

However, according to Ben-Porat, only some 6% of that total. approximately \$500,000, is the pro rata value of Generali's life insurance business.

In the Stern case though, both Pastori and Ben-Porat argue the company has absolutely no obligation to pay out, because no death certificate was produced. Furthermore, "if there is a liabili-

### GENERALI

ty, it is with the Czech companies which succeeded Generali," Ben-Porat said. These companies were run by the state.

Republic's The Czech Ambassador to Tel Aviv Jiri Schneider this week spoke of "the many injustices in the past 60 years due to the turbulent histo-

However, with regard to the specific case of Mor Stern, Schneider argued the liability appears to lie with Generali. We do not consider this as part

of our agenda, because of the tim-ing of events. Neither this nor any previous government has any Most of the demands for ful-

commitment from this time. filling obligations by the survivors were carried out before the company was nationalized," he

While Generali said it will not pay out, nor does it have any "moral" obligation to do so, Ben-Porat said the company is currently looking at making a possible gesture, perhaps in Israel, to commemorate those who perished in the Holocaust. The company also says it is more than happy for Martin Stern and his mother Celia. to visit company headquarters in Trieste to discuss the matter fur-

The timing of this discussion was described as "unfortunate," by Ben-Porat. Generali is in the process of investing \$610 million in Israel by purchasing Migdal Insurance from Bank Leumi. "The Migdal deal is a very important contribution to the Israeli economy and its interna-tional standing," Ben-Porat

The Stern family remains unimpressed by the reaction it has received from Generali, pointing out that it has been able to provide dates and names, together with the recently found 67-year-old

"How can we ever expect the Swiss banks to pay out with no names, no account numbers and no relevant dates, if Generali won't pay out when we have pro-vided information," Martin Stem said last night. "While my grandfather did have Swiss accounts. we haven't had the audacity to approach the Swiss."

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ambush took place. The army continues to keep Ramallah under closure, which officially means no one goes in and no one comes out. But the IDF has not hermetically sealed the city and numerous Palestinians were reported to have slipped past IDF roadblocks via unguarded back roads.

In the Gaza Strip, meanwhile, IDF troops at the Kami crossing, carrying out a routine security check of a truck entering Gaza from Israel, discovered light ammunition as well as spent car-

tridges and cannon shells. The soldiers confiscated the ammunition and Israel Police launched an investigation into the matter.

Arafat yesterday condemned the fatal shooting of the Palestinian worker, but did not directly condemn the killing of the two members of the Tzur fam-

This is a big crime against our workers who went to earn a living." Arafat told reporters in Gaza. "I'm sorry to say that the Israeli reaction against this criminal act is a negative reaction." "We condemn the killing of

innocents wherever they are and whoever they are," Arafat said, an apparent reference to the Beit El

Arafat called for justice over the killing. "They [Israel] have not shown any seriousness in uprooting the terrorism against our workers and citizens," Arafat

"If the Israeli government doesn't take the necessary measures,

our workers will be in danger and we will take the necessary measures to confront such maners," he added, though be did not clab-

Government officials were upset that Arafat and other senior PA officials have not condemned the terror attack near Beit El.

David Bar-Ilian, Netanyahu's communications director, said last night: "We find this disappointing that neither Chairman Arafat nor any of the leaders of the Palestinian Authority have found it necessary to condemn this heinous act."

# Woman whose marriage not recognized by IDF released from jail

THE IDF yesterday released Shiri Druckman Arnold, who was married in a civil ceremony in May, from the military prison where she had been serving time

for desertion since Monday. Married women are released from their compulsory military service, under IDF regulations. However. the IDF refused to recognize Druckman's civil marriage to a non-Jewish British citizen - even though the Interior Ministry had - and found ber guilty of desertion and sentenced her to 28 days' imprisonment. It was the second time she had been impris-

oned for desertion since getting macried. We have documentation from the Interior Ministry - we were married on the 12th of May 1996," said her husband, Qwentin Arnold, 28, who has lived in Israel for five years and recently applied for citizenship.

Why don't they release her from the army, she is already married. She is my wife, and she does not need to be in the army. What do they bave against her?" Arnold said before her release yesterday.

MK Eli Goldschmidt (Labor) called on the government to end discrimination between couples who had halachic marriages and those who had other marriages recognized by the state:

Zamira Segev, executive director of Hemdat, the Council for Freedom of Science, Religion, and Culture in Israel, said yesterday that some 20 percent of Israeli couples bave non-halachic mar-

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said Yehuda Levy, Post president and publisher. "We examined different approaches to the 'push model' to complement our successful Web operation, which is rated the world's seventh top news site. After considering other options, we were convinced that BackWeb best suits our needs as publishers, and ensures we retain full control of the broadcast chan-

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# VICTIMS

(Continued from Page 1) Earlier in the day, be told Israel Radio "[Netanyahu] must be firm and say that every place where a Jew is harmed, a settlement will be established or expanded. An Arab who goes out on an attack should know that he is, with his own hands, leading to the building and strengthening of the settlement in Judea and Samaria."

Regarding the details of the attack, Tzur said his car's engine died after the car came under heavy fire from the terrorists. "I got out of the car, and

appraised the simation," he said, I saw that I lost one son and my wife was injured, but I didn't know to what extent. The rest of the children seemed to be okay." Tzur then forced a passing

Palestinian car to take him to the Beit El gas station about 2 kilometers away, where he alerted the security forces.

Speaking in a matter-of-fact, military fashion, Tzur, a major m the reserves, said: "I returned and the emergency services had arrived. The wounded were evacuated, and - as was reported - we lost our wife and mother on the operating table. We now have to get used to the new situation." David Makovsky contributed to

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### Court rejects Deri's request to see evidence Ya'acov Shmulevitz of conver-

JERUSALEM District Court yesterday rejected a request by the defense in the trial of Sbas MK Aryeh Deri to obtain all the evidence considered by the Gidron committee, which examined allegations the General Security Service and police leaked information to the defendants.

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issue of the leaks was irrelevant to the guilt or innocence of the defendants. Deri. Mosbe and Arych Weinberg, and Yom-Tov

The prosecutioo maintained the material was classified. In rejecting the request, the justices noted the prosecution had said it would not use the material in its

A team beaded by Maj.-Gen. (res.) Moshe Gidron was set up to investigate the affair, which began in 1995 when tapes secret-

THEATER

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ABU NIMER STORIES - A collage of

stories written by Dahn Ben-Amotz. (Khan Theater, Sat., 8:30; Sun., 4)

NNA GALACTICA - Story of loye

ty, submission, jealousy and fore-most, love. (Khan Theater, Mon.,

Wed and Thurs., 8:30) AT THE OTHER END OF THE

HOUSE - The relationship between

two brothers, one with Down's syn-

ly recorded by state's witness and breach of trust.

sations with defendant Moshe Weinberg were submitted in the court. In the recordings, Weinberg said he knew bis phones and those of the other defendants were being tapped and hinted be was told this by GSS contacts. The team recommended action

be taken against individuals sus-

pected of involvement in the Deri, the Weinbergs and Rubin are on trial for fraud, taking bribes

in the protection of a fallen soldier is due for call-up and his kibbutznik parents have the option to release him from combat service. (Old Jaffa, Hasimta, Set.,

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING

pieces. (ZOA House, Sun., 9) KIDDUSH - Revival of Shmuel

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\* BLOOD KNOT - Arab Theater in

Israel. The problems of racial prejudice in South Africa. High standard of acting and directing make for a highly professional and promising achievement on the part of this newly established company. (Jaffa, Noga Theater, Sun., 7:30)
THE BOYS NEXT DOOR - (Klar Sava, Heichal Hatarbut, Sun., 7) THE FALL - One-man play based on Camus's novel about the hypocrisy of society. Adapted and performed by Niko Nitai. (Old Jaffa, Hasimta.

Tues., 9 = 6812126)

Ronen's adaptation of the Jaroslav Hasek anti-war novel. Undoubtedly conceived as this season's hit, this unblushing explosion of sheer entertainment led by the irresistible Shlomo Bar-Aba sidesteps the acidly Ironic import of the original.

Hatarbut, Sat.-Thurs., 9) HENRY IV - (Ramat Gan, Hastiriya, 18 Hibat Zion, today, 3; Sun., 9:30; THE IDIOT - Gesher Theater production of the play by Dostoyevsky. (Old Jaffa, Gesher Theater, Sat.,

9:30 = 6812126) INTEGRAL PART - A wild satirical comedy written by Shlomi Moskowitz. (ZOA House, tonight, 10

TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT -Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's rock-opera depicting the bib-lical story of Joseph and his broth-ers. Starring Alon Rinehorn. (Ra'anana, Heichal Hatarbut, today, 11 a.m. and 1:30; Belt Hahayal, Sat., 8 and 8) KALIFA - Non-vocal, short theatrical

Hasafar's play with Miriam Zohar and flan Dar. (Belt Lessin, tonight, 9:30; Sat-Mon., 8:30 & 6941111) MANDRAGOLA — Written by N. Machievely, directed by lian Ronen. (Habimah, Sat.-Thurs, 8.30) THE MESSENGER — Kafka and Herzi clash in their opposing views when suddenly a third ideologist appears on the scene. (Old Jaffa, Hasimta, Mon., 9)
MOTHER JOPUN, FATHER MOR-

RISON - Fringe theater production. (Tzavts, Tues., 8:30) A MOUNTAIN WON'T MOVE - Story of a man in medieval Japan who assumes the identity of a powerful warlord. Hanan Shir, director. Good ting, distinguished direction, elegant design and some superb perfor-mances grace this moving produc-tion. (Netanya, Mon., 8:30) MY EX-ETERNAL WIFE - Romantic comedy about a couple who will always be in love and who have been

divorced for six years. (Old Jaffa, Hasimts, Sat., 9) NAOM — Award-winning monodrama with Ruby Porst about Bedouin women. (ZOA House, Thurs., 8:30)

\*\* RETRO - Yiddish theater with aneous Hebrew translation. (ZOA House, Tues, and Wed., 8) SEVEN DAYS OF MOURNING Israeli drama by Shmuel Hastari, No. ona attends the funeral or comes to comfort the lamily in mourning but Instead they watch President Sadar's speech on television. A facetious, at times tasteless tragi-comedy of

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pointing sequel to the Kiddush-Hametz trilogy. (Eretz Yisrael Museum, Tues.-Thurs., 8:30 = THE STORY OF THE CITY ODESSA — Reveals the Jewish underworld in Odessa. Directed by Yevgeny Arieh. (Old Jalla, Gesher Theater, Wed. and Thurs., 8:30)
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der. (Tzavta, Wed., 8) TRIO IN E FLAT - Fric Robmer's drama on the age-old theme of youth and romance. (Old Jaffa, Hasimta, tonight, 10:30 = 6812126) UBU ROI - 100 years since the play was first performed at Theatre Libre in Paris. (T.A. University, Mexico Building, todat, 2; Sat-Thurs., 8:30 = 8424054)

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and directed by Rina Yerushalmi. Bible texts are the starting point for a historical and personal journey seek-ing new theatrical forms. Joint Cameri Theater and Itim Theater Ensemble production. Rina Yerushalmi's multi-faceted modern approach to the Bible, a landmark in local Hebrew theater that must not be missed. (ZOA House, Wed. and Thurs., 8)
WEST SIDE STORY - (Habimah,

Mon.-Thurs., 8:30) WHERE IS RUTHIE? - Monodrama

with Taha! Ran. (ZOA House, Thurs.,

\* ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST - Arab Theater in Israel. Written by Dario Fo. A pol-

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different angle: the women in his life. (Theater, Moadon, Sun.-Thurs., MY FIRST SONY - TheaterNetto

1996 with Roi Horowitz. (Theater. Moadon, Sat., 9)

\* RUMORS - By Neil Simon, An English-language contedy performed by Israelis and Americans. Proceeds for charity. (University of Halfa, Edmond Saidle Auditorium, Wed., 8:30 = 8240370)

SWEET BIRD OF YOUTH - Written by Tennessee Williams. A travesty of a sordid but serious drama. (Theater, Mon.-Thurs., 8:30) WEST SIDE STORY - (Theater,

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BIANCA – Written by Mirlam Kainey and directed by Micha Lewesohn.
About refugees and uprooting. A spineless drama that starts out of nothing and goes nowhere. (Kiar Yona, Sat., 9)
GAMES IN THE BACK YARD - The

rapists, victim and prosecutors ques-tion each other's guilt in Edna Mazia's drama based on the rape case at Kibutz Shomrat. Directed by Oded Kotler. (Katzrin, Community Center, Sun., 9; Nazareth, Heichal Hatarbut, Wed., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30; Saled, Heichal Hatarbut, Thurs., 11 a.m.) - Story of romance and a young girl who does not "fit in" to society's norms. (Ma'alot, Community Center, Tues., 8:30)
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11 a.m.)
THE VILLAGE - The story of the residents of an Israeli village in the '40s.
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Yossi Alfi. Friday afternoon program
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Moadon, Sat., 9)

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(Tzavta, Thurs., 8:30) ART - Beit Lessin production star-ring Yossi Banai and Sasson Gabat. Directed by Hillel Mittelpunkt. (Eretz Yisrael Museum, tonight, 9:30; Sat., 330 ± 6415244

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# India beats S. Africa in final Test Popa powers Maccabi

wrapped up its first-ever Test series triumph over South Africa yesterday and now expects to continue its winning form in the republic, esptain Sachin Tendulkar said.

India took the rubber 2-1 with a 280-run victory on the fifth and last day of the third and final Test, dismissing South Africa for 180 as the team pursued an improbable

target of 461 to win.

We now look forward to beating them in South Africa," an ecsaric Tendulkar told reporters. The team morale is high and we are eager to continue the winning

India plays a return three-Test series in South Africa on its sevenweek tour beginning on December 19 which also features a triangular limited-over series with the host country and Zimbabwe.

Tendulkar, who has won three of the four Tests he has played as India's captain since taking over from Mohammad Azharuddio. said: "It's a great feeling to beat South Africa, who are one of the best teams in the world."

Looking ahead to the contest in South Africa, Tendulkar added: "It is not going to be an easy tour and there are no easy games there." South African skipper Hansie Cronje said the animde of the bassmen rather than tricks played

by the pitch got them into problems at Kanpur. "Those who were willing to stay, got runs," Cronje said.

"I'm obviously disappointed to tch the lose the series, especially after having come back to draw parity at Calcutta. I'm disappointed but not disheartened as there were lots of positive things on this

> Cronje said his batsmen had failed to adjust to the slow pitches of the sub-continent. "We have not got used to low-bounce wickets and have not mastered the art of scoring big hundreds on turning

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"Our batsmen like pitches where the ball comes on to the bat. Our bowlers prefer wickets where the ball has more carry,"

South Africa plays a one-day international against India in Bombay tomorrow, a benefit game for former Test batsman Mohinder Amarnath, before taking the battle

to home soil. India, which has not lost a home Test series since its 1986-87 defeat to Pakistan, won the opening Test in Ahmedabad and South Africa leveled the rubber with a crushing 329-run triumph in Calcutta.

India lost 1-0 to the South Africans in a four-match series on off before giving Joshi a return is last visit to the republic in catch after making 11.



IN NIRVANA - Indian bowler Venkatesh Prassad celebrates after clean bowling South Africa's Fanie de Villiers.

Venkatesh Prasad bowled Fanie Any lingering doubts about the de Villiers for two and Srinath had Paul Adams caught by Azharuddin outcome on the last day vanished when South Africa, resuming oo in the slips for one to end the 127 for five, lost three early wickinnings seven balls after lunch, ets, including overnight batsmeo Brian McMillan and Dave leaving Lance Klusener 34 not out, containing five fours. Richardson without addition to Azharuddin, sacked as captain

their scores. Left-arm spinner Sunil Joshi, who finished with three for 66, had McMillan brilliantly caught by substitute Vangipurappu

Laxman for 18 on the fourth ball of the morning, then mediumpacer Javagal Srinath trapped Richardson leg before for five. Par Symcox struck leg-spinner Anil Kumble for a six over mid-

India (first innings) 237
South Africa (first innings) 177
India (second innings)
Overnight 400 for 7 declared
South Africa (second innings)
Andrew Hudson e sub (Laxman) b Anil
Kumble

earlier this year and nearly dropped from the side altogether, was named both the man of the match and the man of the series. The elegant 33-year-old right-

hander, who scored the joint fourth fastest Test century from 74 balls in the second Test in "Calcutta, stroked T63 not out in the second innings, his 16th century in 75 Tests, and put the match out of South Africa's

time huzzer as the Boston Celocs snapped a six-game losing streak with a 115-113 victory over the Toronto Raptors in the

longest game this season on

It was Boston's first regular-sea-

Fox scored 24 points and David

Wesley added 20 and 10 assists in

57 minutes for the Celtics, who

had seven players in double fig-

ures. Barros scored 15 of his 18

points on three-pointers, Eric

Williams had 15 points and a

career-high 10 rehounds and

Damon Stoudamire had 31

points and 12 assists for the

**Bulls 103, Timberwolves 86** 

and Scottie Pippen had 26 points, nine rebounds and eight assists as

the host Chicago Bulls remained

unbeaten against the Minnesota

Chicago, playing without sus-pended forward Dennis Rodman,

snapped a season-high two-game

Minnesota beld a 50-49 edge at halftime but the Bulls opened the

second half on a 10-2 run for a 59-

52 advantage. Jordan had four

Nets 110, SuperSonics 101

Kendall Gill had 24 points in his

grudge match with former coach

Pack scored eight straight points

to put host New Jersey ahead for

Michael Jordan secred 27 points

Radja scored 13 points.

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George Karl and Robert

son triple-overtime game in nearly

Wednesday.

Kumble 31
Gary Kirsten Ibw b Javagal Srinath 7
Herschelle Glibbs b Venkatesh Prasad 5
Darryl Culfinan run out 2
Hansie Cronje e Sachin Tendulkar b Sunii Joshi 50

Brian McMillan e Lakshman b Joshi 18

Dave Richardson bw Srineth 5

Lance Klusener not out 34

Pat Symcox e and b Joshi 11

Fannie de Villiers b Prasad 2

Paul Adams c Azharuddin b Srineth 11

Extras (b-14) 14 Total (all out in 96.1 overs) 180 Fait 1/21, 2/26; 3/38, 4/97, 5/109, 6/127, 7/138, 9/179.

Bowling Javagal Srinath 19,1-6-38-3 Venicatesh Prasad 11-6-25-2 Anil Kumble 24-11-27-1

MACCABl Tel Aviv's 71-65 victory last night over Ulker Istanbul was a huge win for the club, fit-

tingly delivered by a giant. Scoring 18 points on 80 percent shooting, blocking shots, passing, and rebounding, the Pride of Romania Constantin Popa almost singlehandedly helped Maccabi to the victory, securing a third-place Group A finish in Euroleague play

with a 6-4 record.
With Randy White again not supplying the goods, Zvi Sherf called on his man-mountain to help fight off a nasty Ulker zone defense, and to bother Ulker's redhot three-point shooters.

The gamble paid off hig, as Popa, Brad Leaf and Buck Johnson led an impressive Maccahi comeback, then held off the dangerous Turks to ensure Maccahi will meet less powerful opponents in the next round of Euroleague play.

Popa was everywhere, from the moment he entered the game with just under nine minutes left in the first half. At that point, Maccahi was still trailing 19-12, after the Turks lived up to their reputation for absolutely uncanny three-point shooting, with Haluk Yıldırıim hitting three straight bomb attempts. Maccabi players weren't exactly helping their own cause, either. Wheo they weren't taking had shots they were missing the easy ones (36% shooting from twopoint range in the half), and Yad Eliahu fans could be seeo shaking their heads.

Enter Popa, who stuffed home his first of seven baskets on the night to get the crowd juiced. Brad Leaf electrified them further with a three-pointer, something starting guard Oded Katash again could not supply, and Maccabi was on the comeback trail. The Turks

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to win over Turks

tried to pull away again, but Popa had them firmly in his huge grasp, hitting a hook shot here, tapping in an offensive rebound there, and even making two foul shots. His offensive rebound at the buzzer sent Maccabi down by just four,

Johnson scored the first two points of the second stanza to keep the pressure on the Turks, who suddenly turned their entire offense over to Turk nadonal team point guard Orhun Ene. Ene proved he was up to the task, hitting two straight three-pointers to suddenly undo Maccahi's comeback, pulling Ulker to a 42-34

The crowd had gone dead quiet until Popa slammed home another dunk, then stole the hall, fed Nadav Henefeld, who then passed behind his hack to a breaking Doron Sheffer as Maccabi elosed to 42-40 with under 15 minutes left. Another offensive rebound basket by the Gentle Giant tied it at 44, but Ene - who scored all his team's points in the first nine minutes of the half - hit a basket and a

But Popa wasn't going to be denied his night to be a hero. He blocked a shot in between hitting a hook shot and another stuff, theo found an open Leaf for a threepointer to keep Maccabi within 52-51. Leaf tied it before Johnsoo finally gave Maccabi its first lead of the game, 55-53, oo a pass from Popa, at which point Ulker's coach could have asked FIBA officials - who have instituted a new, postgame drug test of two players on each team in Euroleague play to stop the game right there, and run a saliva test oo the hig

Leaf, who was questionable before the game due to an injured back, scored on an offensive rebound himself before Nadav Henefeld hit a back-breaking three-pointer as the 30 second clock went off, and Maccabi had a 62-54 lead.

That would have seemed secure against almost any elub, but not the Mad Bombers from Ulker. Dan Godfread unleashed a threepointer, as did Yildirim and then Hakki Erdeway. But instead of nurning to Jello at the line like Limoges did against Ulked last week, Maccabi players stood first, with Leaf, Johnson and Derrick Sharp - who played fine defense vs. Ene - hitting elutch free throws to ice the important victory, and preserve Popa's hig moment

For Maccabi, the key to the turnaround was its defense. With Popa forcing Ulker shooters to redirect their three-pointers and clogging the middle and Sharp shadowing Ene, the Ulker offense ground to a halt in the second half. However, Sherf obviously still has a lot of work to do with the elub's offense. which played almost as poorly as last week vs. Panionios, particu-larly Katash and White, who were never factors in the game.

Popa led Maccabi with 18 points, to go with eight rebounds, and may now be a threat to unseat Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo. Johnson and Leaf had 14 each and Henefeld had 10. Ene had 21 to lead Ulker.

Group A

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# **Union claims Rodman** suspension unfair

NEW YORK (AP) - The NBA players union is urging Dennis Rodman to file a grievance over his twogame suspension, arguing that the Chicago Bulls violated the collective bargaining agreement by effectively fining Rodman more than \$104,000.

Rodman was suspended by the Bulls on Tuesday for a profanity-laden tirade be made about the officiaring in Chicago's loss at Toronto. The commeous were broadcast live on cable television.

"Never before have we seen discipline approaching this level of severity for comments made in a locker room," NBA president Billy Hunter said Wednesday. "We believe the Bulls were motivated by other eco- lion salary this season.

oomic concerns, as it will now be more difficult for Dennis to earn bonuses in his contract for playing in a certain amount of games," Hunter said.

Rodman's contract stipulates that he must be available to play in 97 percent of the Bulls' regular-season games and 100% of the playoff games. If he doesn'r, a portion of his salary becomes deferred into the next century. Rodman also would collect several bundred thousand dollars worth of bonus money if he plays in 79 of Chicago's 82 games.

Rodman must now play in all but one of the Bulls'

# **Toto Cup Action allows** national squad to focus on Luxembourg

DEREK FATTAL

ISRAEL'S important World Cup qualifying match on Sunday takes precedeoce over the domestic scene this weekend. lostead of the regular league fare, the National League and Second Division sides will be playing out Round 6 of the Toto Cup.

Only five matches are schednled between teams from the top flight, with the "big three" clubs that comprise the majority of the national squad, Betar Jerusalem, Maccabi Haifa and Maccabi Tel Aviv set to play their ties at a later date.

Israel's oppooent, Luxemhourg, began training at the National Stadium Ramat Gan yesierday. Meaowhile national coach Shlomo Scharf released Hapoel Haifa goalkeeper Rafi Cohen and Betar defender Assi Domh from his squad for the

Rafi Cohen has paid the price for his mistakes in the 2-0 defeat against Cyprus last month, and so the way is open for Betar's Itzik . Komfein to take Cohen's place.

Avi Nimi is set to rejoin the squad today after completing his two-day trial with Sheffield Wednesday. Nimni impressed Wednesday coach David Pleat with his skill level and oow awaits the next move from the Yorkshire outfit.

This weekend's National League Toto Cap fixtures (all matches today): Happel Tel Aviv v. Zafririm Holon, Bloom-field 2 pm Happel Beersheba v. Maccabi Petah Tikva,

Hapoel Beersheba v. Maccabi Petan Tikva, Beersheba 2 pm Hapoel Taiba v. Maccabi Herzliya, Netanya 2:30 pm Hapoel Haifa v. Hapoel Kfar Sava, Kiryat Eliezer 3 pm Hapoel Petah Tikva v. Hapoel Jerusalem, Petah Tikva 2 pm

## Celtics beat Raptors in triple overtime BOSTON - Rick Fox made a three-pointer at the triple-over-

UP FOR GRABS - Denver Nuggets center Ervin Johnson loses control of the hall after running

into Charlotte's Anthony Mason.

Hornets 101, Nuggets 97

Stransky heads to Leicester LONDON (Reuter) - Former South African fly-half Joel Stransky became the latest big-name overseas signing in English rugby when he completed his move to first division Leicester yesterday. But he immediately stressed that he had not given up bope of again

playing for the Springboks. Stransky follows his World Cup winning captain Francois Pienaar signed for Saracens last week in the lengthening line of high-pro-

the oreign imports into the new professional game in England.

It is a list which includes former Wallabies Michael Lynagh and Tony
Daley, Argentine Federico Mendez and the three Frenchmen Philippe Sella, Laurent Cabannes and Laurent Benezech as well as the more traditional numbers of Irish, Welsh and Scots.

Stransky will now have the opportunity of teaming op with another World Cup winner in the shape of Leicester coach Bob Dwyer. He masterminded the Wallabies success in 1991.

# NHL SCOREBOARD

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS: Hartford 5, Florida 2; Buffato 3, Mentreal 2 (OT); N.Y. Islanders 5, N.Y. Rangers 3; St. Louis 5, Dallas 5; Colorado 6, Vancouver 1; Pittsburgh 7, Annheim 3; San Jose 3, Washington 2.

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NEW YORK (AP) - Jaime Navarro, who had con-

The White Sox moved quickly to shore up their pitching, signing Navarro just two days after Alex

with the Florida Marlins. "It's unfortunate to lose Alex, but those things hap-

we're just trying to strengthen our club." Chicago also re-signed reliever Tony Castillo.

The New York Yankees got a pitcher, too, giving a \$5.45 million, three-year contract to left-landed reliever Mike Stanton. The Yankees still are interested in Roger Clemens and David Wells, and in keep-

game since finishing a seventheir first win over a team with a game road trip and got a plus-500 record since February season-high 25 points and a career-high 21 rehounds from Detlef Schrempf had a season-Anthony Mason. high 30 points for Seattle, which

Dell Curry put the Hornets

ahead to stay on a 3-pointer with 35 seconds left, helping send the

Nuggets to their eighth consecu-Charlotte played its first home

Charlotte got double-figure scoring from four other players, led by Glen Rice with 16. Dale Ellis had 24 points and Bryant Smith and Antonio McDyess added 20 apiece for Denver, which lost its seventh straight road game.

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W L Pet .708 .696 .571 .381 .333 .333 Seattle Portland Golden State L.A. Cilppers Sacramento WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS: Boston 115, Toronto 113 (3 OT) New Jersey 110, Seattle 101 Washington 106, Cleveland 95 Charlotte 101, Denver 97

Miami 84, Philadelphia 79 Chicago 103, Minnesota 86 L.A. Lakers 79, Indiana 76

Heat 84, 76ers 79 Tim Hardaway scored 21 points and Alonzo Mourning had 20 points and 17 rebounds as Miami increased its road winning streak

to 11 games. Hardaway then drove past Allen Iverson for a layup that gave the Heat the lead for good, 80-79 with 26.4 seconds to play. (Reuter, AP)

# Kerry Kittles added 20 points Navarro to Chisox; Stanton to Yankees

and Pack finished with 19 points

and 12 assists as the Nets posted

lost for the fourth time in six

a streak of 25

secutive winning seasons for the Chicago Cubs after struggling with Milwaukee, went across town Wednesday and agreed to a \$20 million, four-year contract with the Chicago White Sox.

Fernandez left for a \$35 million, five-year contract

pen," White Sox manager Terry Bevington said. Over the last few years, Navarro has put up the same numbers Alex has. We feel we got a very, very good pitcher. This has nothing to do with jabbing the Cubs,

agreeing to a \$2.35 million, two-year contract.

ing John Wetteland.
"We haven't made definitive offers," Yankees

owner George Steinbrenner said. Philadelphia added a pair of pitchers, giving Mark Portugal a S5 million, two-year contract and Mark

Leiter a S4.3 million, two-year deal. Navarro, a 28-year-old right-hander, was 15-12 with a 3.92 ERA last season following 3 14-6 record and 3.28 ERA in 1995. He was disappointed with the

Cubs' offer and seized the opportunity when Fernandez left the White Sox. Castillo, 33, was acquired in August from Toronto and wound up 5-4 with a 3.60 ERA and two saves in 55 relief appearances. He gets \$1.05 million next season and \$1.1 million in 1998. The White Sox have a 1999 option at his 1998 base salary with a \$200,000

Stanton, 29, gives the Yankees another arm in case Wetteland doesn't return and Mariano Rivera becomes the closer. He was 4-4 with a 3.66 ERA for Boston and Texas last season

# **SPORTS BRIEFS**

Ronaldo, Shearer, Weah vie for FIFA award Ronaldo, Alan Shearer and George Weah are the three players in contention for the FIFA Player of the Year award for 1996.

FIFA announced Wednesday that a record 120 national team

coaches voted for their top three players and that these three were

at the top of the voting.

Brazilian star Ronaldo plays in Spain for Barcelona, Newcastle's Alan Shearer, who owns the record for the world's biggest transfer free at £15 million, top-scored at the European Championship playing for England, and Weah guided AC Milan to the Italian

Spud Webb signs with Italian club Spud Webb, a 5-foot-7 guard who won the NBA's Slam Dunk contest as a rookie in 1986, agreed to terms Wednesday with the Italian first division club Mash Verona.

Halfa 10-19

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Finance announced yesterday that it will eliminate 200 jobs as part of the hudget cuts the government approved on Monday.

Ministers spent yesterday finalizing their recommendations for deep cuts in their budgets, with some already handing them to Finance Minister Dan Meridor, ahead of today's dead-

The government has agreed to reduce the 1997 state budget from NIS 190.8 billion to NIS 189h. through NIS 600 million in revenue-increasing measures and a NIS 1.2b. cut in real terms.

While the cuts are being decided upon by individual ministers, the giobal sums were agreed upon during Monday's special cabinet meeting. The government agreed on additional cuts of 5 percent from the administrative ministries, 3% from the economic, 1.3% from the social, 0.65% from education, and 0.5% from the security ministry budgets.

In addition to the 200 job cuts, the Treasury will also close one of its foreign missions, postpone building programs, cut back purchases, receive less external economic and legal advice, and permit fewer foreign trips than

before. • The Foreign Ministry has decided to spread its NIS 45m. in cuts across the board. Among the measures takeo will be the closing of embassies or other diplomatic missions abroad, laying off staff in Jerusalem and in the missions, a reduction in its coostruction program, reducing the size of its press office and a coosiderable reductioo in the PR

budget.
• The Prime Minister's Office handed in its list of cuts totaling NIS 13m. to the Treasury yesterday. Spending cuts will be imple-

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Moshe Katsav - locked in negotiations. (Israel Sun)

· The Science and Technology Ministry's NIS 6m. cut will come from four major sources: links with foreign countries; funding programs with future economic potential; space iofra-

structure programs; and research funding in preferential areas such as biotechnology, microelectronics, advanced materials, and elec-

 In frantic negotiations yesterday, there were several disagreements between the Treasury and the Agriculture Ministry, which has to cut some NIS 38m. By Wednesday night, ministry officials had produced a comprehensive set of proposals, but yesterday, according to spokesman Naftali Yaniv, Minister Rafael Eitan decided he wanted to rethink the proposals. Now the final version will not be ready uotil

• The Transportation Ministry also failed to present its proposals yesterday. However, one source confirmed the likely victims of its NIS 20m, cut will be the new roads program and construction of



Rafael Eitan - wants to rethink proposals.

public transportatiooonly lanes on roads. The National

Infrastructure Ministry has decided to incorporate both the original July cut and this week's additional one in the figures it published last night. Of the

NIS 81.7m. total, energy will lose NIS 14m.; water and sewerage NIS 9m.; the Public Works Department, NIS 42.7m.; railroads, NIS 3m.; the Trans-Israel Highway, NIS 3m.; and the Israel Lands Administration, NIS 10m.

· Faced with a NIS 63m. cut, Construction and Housing Ministry officials were meeting yesterday to make their final decision. "It's been difficult and there are arguments in more than one direction, but rest assured we will accomplish our task," ministry spokesman Moshe Fridman

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, who voted against the cuts, was oegotiating with Meridor last night over where to reduce his budget by NIS 22m. This budget is particularly crucial given the drop in tourism following the terrorist activities and Operation Grapes of Wrath earlier

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky has been given an additional two days to consider where he can save NIS 102m. His ministry director-geoeral Yehoshua Gleitman only

returned yesterday from the first World Trade Organization conference held in Singapore, and he needed time to study the proposals with Sharansky before forwarding them to Netanyahu and Meridor.

 While the Absorption Ministry will not make its final decision until Sunday, spokesman Yehuda Glick confirmed the NIS 22m. will not come from moneys set aside for direct help to immigrants, but rather from office savings in computerization, research, purchases and some reduction in

• The Interior Ministry's senior officers were locked in debate last night to decide where the NIS 126m. would come from.

 The Labor and Social Affairs Ministry had been the only ministry to receive additional funding for 1997. Initially, this was to have been NIS 50m., but following a meeting yesterday between ministers Yishai and Meridor, it was agreed this be reduced to NIS 12m.

 In order to reduce its budget by NIS 43m., the Justice Ministry will oot appoint 10 additional judges as it had planned to district. magistrate's, labor and traffic courts. Furthermore, proposals to improve the quality and speed of advocacy will not be implemented in full.

· Facing the smallest overall cot (NIS 3m.), Communications Ministry director-geoeral Shlomo Waxe said it was comparatively easy to reach agreement with the Treasury oo the oature of the reductioos, which will be spread across most areas of ministry activity,

The remaining ministries were either still negotiating last night or their spokespeople were unavailable for comment.

# A-G orders Segev probe

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael Ben-Yair has ordered the police to open a criminal investigation into former energy minister Gonen Segev, Ben-Yair's assistant, Noam Solberg, announced yesterday in a letter to the Movement for Quality Government in Israel.

The movement had written Ben-Yair in July to protest Segev's employment by the Eisenberg group, saying this represented a clear conflict of interest and violated Ben-Yair's own instructions regarding a cooling-off period for ministers and deputy ministers.

The complaint was based on a letter Segev wrote to the Jordanian government during his term as energy minister. In this letter, be informed the Jordanians that Shoul Eisenberg was interested in a joint venture with them, and that he [Segev] supported the idea. Eisenberg's proposal was for a power station run on natural gas to be set up in Jordan, which would sell electricity to Israel.

Immediately after the elections. Segev took a job with the isenberg group.

The movement oored that according to a legal opinion written by Ben-Yair, a cooling-off period is necessary for ministers and deputy ministers who wish to be employed by private compa-nies with which their ministries worked, even though technically, the civil service regulations on this subject do oot apply to minis-

This opinion was written to pre-

vent situations such as Segev's, in which a minister helps a certain company with the goal of getting a joh with it afterward, the movement said.

In the civil service, the standard cooling-off period is one to two

By taking a job with Eisenberg immediately, the movement said, Segev flaimted the attorney-gener-



minister Former energy Gonen Segev

al's instructions, and retroactively raised the suspicion that his assistance to Eisenberg had been motivated by an illegal conflict of

interests. After consulting with State Attorney Edna Arbel and other senior Justice Ministry officials, Ben-Yair concluded that the affair warranted a criminal investiga-

tion, Solberg wrote.

# **Southern District police** chief to head J'lem force

ter deal at "Tove;

CMDR. YAIR Yitzhaki, the Southern District Police chief. next March will replace Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Arye Amit, who plans to take a three month study break in the US, the Internal Security Ministry announced yesterday.

Amit, backed by senior brass, decided to study abroad, appareotly to take a break from ambulent events in the capital and to decide his future in the force.

Amit said he would quit the force, but Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said yesterday that Amit still has a place with Israel's police.

An effective but sometimes controversial commander, Amit was recently at odds with Kahalani ther dispotes over police handling of haredi demonstrations on Bar-Ilan Street. At the beginning of his term, Kahalani introduced oew regulations oo demonstrations, banning the use of horses and

water cannon, except in emergencies. All of these things had been used by Amit.

Senior officers said at the time that differences of opinion between Amit and Kahalani could jeopardize the police chief's prospects for the post of police commissioner. Amit had beeo tipped for the post.

Since then Commissioner Assaf Hefetz's term was extended by a year, postponing the race for a successor. Hefetz in the past supported Amit's decisions oo demonstrations. Yitzhaki was appointed by Kahalani and Hefetz.

Other candidates to be the next commissioner include Cmdr. Alec Ron, chief of the Judea and Samaria police, and the outgoing Tel Aviv chief, Cmdr. Gabi Last, who becomes Hefetz's deputy next week. Central District chief Shlomo Aharonishky will replace

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# Mother and baby stabbed by father-in-law

**RAINE MARCUS** 

A MOTHER and her baby suffered severe stab wounds yesterday, after being attacked by the woman's father-in-law.

The two were bospitalized Tel Hashomer's Sheba Hospi: in critical condition.

The 26-year-old woman was, with her 11-month-old bah her father-in-law's Or Yehuda apartment, where the couple live. The incident occurred at about 3:45 p.m. when the fatherin-law ran amok with a kitchen knife, stabbing the woman and his granddaughter.

The woman's husband was oot at home at the time, but was called after the stabbing. Neighbors heard screams from the apartment and alerted a relative of the family, who called police and Magen David Adom. The assailant fled and was

caught near the apartment by police. At the apartment, several knives were found which were used in the attack. The assailant, who is cooperating with police, was treated for slight wounds incurred in the fracas.

For the latest in science and computers, read Sunday's Science and Technology Page, by Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

\* Computer mavens and neophytes attend Hadassah College of Technology's first Internet Day

Itamar software offers a bag of birthday tricks

How to uncloud crystal goblets ruined in the dishwasher

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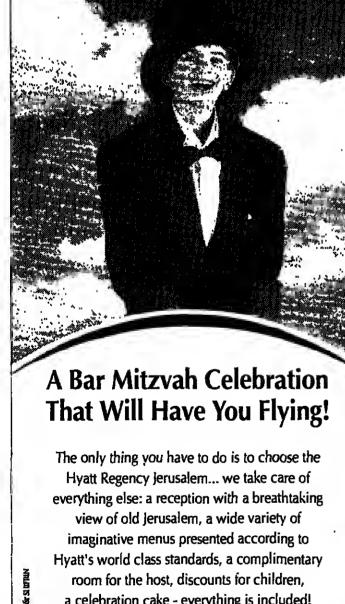
Beware of urinary infection after baby's circumcision

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